

Article 2nd ^{april 6 1867}

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June 1 1891

As amended, Sept 22, 1871, Feb 22, 1891; and Feb 29, 1892 reads
A person wishing to become a member of this Society may make
application, verbally or in writing, to the Clerk, who shall
present the name at the next regular meeting. The application
shall then be considered and the vote taken. Two thirds of
those present having voted in favor of the applicant they
may sign the Articles of Association and By-Laws at any
time subsequent to being voted in as members, in presence
of the Clerk.

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Articles of Association and By Laws of the Christian Union of Reading, Mass.

Article 1st.

We the undersigned, believing in the
Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood
of Humanity, as taught by Jesus
Christ, and acknowledging Him our
Teacher and Guide; and considering that
belief a sufficient bond of Union, hereby
associate ourselves together, under the name
of The Christian Union of Reading, Mass.
for the purpose of moral and religious
improvement, hoping and intending that
this association shall aid our progress
in all good words, and good works.

Article 2^d.

Any person who concurs in the above
views, may join us at any time, by
signing the Articles of Association and
By Laws: and any member who
desires to withdraw from the association
at any time, may do so by sending
written notice thereof to the Clerk.

By Laws.

Article 1st.

Each member of the Association shall
have an equal vote at all meetings
for business, and ten (10) members
shall constitute a quorum.

Article 2^d.

Meeting.

last Monday in Feb.

An annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the ~~first Monday in April~~ of each year, at such hour and place, as the Trustees shall appoint: and at the meeting, reports for the past year shall be made by the Trustees, and Treasurer: and Officers shall be elected for the ensuing year.

changed the time
of annual meeting
to the last Monday
in February

the regular meeting
April 3rd 1871 ✓

Apr 9/96 to 1st Monday in April

Article 3^d.

Officers.

am - Apr 3/71

The Officers of the Association shall be a Clerk, a Treasurer and Collector, and three (3) Trustees, to attend to the business of the Association according to directions given by the general meetings.

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" 26/94 5

Article 4th.

Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the Clerk, at the request of the Trustees, or of any ten (10) members.

Article 5th.

Notice of meeting.

Notice of each meeting shall be given at least seven (7) days previously, by posting up in at least three (3) public places, and the call for each meeting shall specify the subjects to be acted on.

Article 6th.

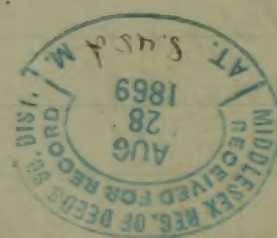
Articles how Amended

These Articles of Association and By Laws may be altered at any annual or special meeting, notice thereof having been given in the call.

record of doing of meeting Sept 22nd 1871 By Laws Amended
do do do Feb 23 1891

Signatures.

id all: 23 1889.	E. Appleton	1	Mr. F. Valentine	38
	Wm Proctor	2	H. C. Valentine	39
id April 23 1877	Edward Safford	3	Mary C. Harnden	40
id Nov 1875	Sam ^r Holbrook	4	Abby C. Clapp	41
	James Reid	5	Clara J. Pinkham	42
	H. E. Cox	6	Mary N. Kendall	43
id Andrew Aug 16: 1877	Lewis B. Hanson	7	Mary J. Shankland	44
id	A. P. Smith	8	Olivia Dumas	45
Removed	C. F. Pinkham	9	Carrie E. Safford	46
id 1876	C. B. McIntire	10		
Removed	Andrew Howes	11		
	Eliza Child	12		
	Harley Prentiss	13		
Removed	Mary S. Howes	14		
id	Maria P. Dinan	15		
	Kellie C. Prentiss	16		
	Lydia D. Cox	17		
id?	Leizzie Smith	18		
	Eliza J. Safford	19		
Removed	W. M. Knight	20		
Care	D. L. Weston	21		
Dead	William Lachair	22		
Dead	B. F. Hewitt	23		
id Nov 1872	Henry D. Wright	24		
Dead	S. M. Hall	25		
Dead	Reuben Nichol	26		
Dead	Mary E. Wellington	27		
Dead	Mary E. White	28	1897	
Dead	Susan A. Carter	29		
Dead	Caroline C. Green	30		
	Elmina B. Hall	31		
	Margaret Pinkham	32		
id Andrew id 1877	George C. Honey	33		
Removed	Seth Bessey	34		
id	Elizabeth Minot	35		
	Abigail H. Clapp	36		
	E. A. Parker	37		



Cambridge, August 28th 1877. Received and recorded with
 Middlesex South District Deeds Book 1193 Page 510
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1889 June 14th

✓	L. M. Dinsmore	x	Frances C. Richardson
✓	Anna P. Reid	✓	Harriet A. Burrill
✓	Minnie K. Barnes	✓	Alice F. Skinner
✓	Emma L. Barnes	✓	Chas F. Reid
gone x	Alice M. Berry	✓	Deana M. Hooton
dead	Sarah A. Nichols	✓	Louise H. Hooton
✓	Frank G. Nichols	✓	D. C. Sturges
✓	Sarah Nichols		
✓	Hannah C. Cochran	x	W. E. Clark
✓	Caroline Cook	✓	Katharine W. Clark
dead	John Cochran		February 24 1890.
removed	Eliza A. Berry	✓	A. Newell Howe
✓	Grace S. Putnam	✓	Geo H. Buck
✓	Geo. L. Putnam	✓	Cyrus M. Barrows
✓	Charlotte G. Pike	✓	Augusta K. Barrows
✓	Helen S. Peaton	✓	Rachel E. Parker
✓	Mary G. Eaton	✓	Ellen R. Parker
✓	Julia A. Rogers	✓	Mrs. Benj. A. Perry
✓	Annie E. Beal		Feb. 23, 1891
dead x	Emma A. Taylor	✓	James Wright
✓	Hattie W. Walker	✓	Olivia S. Wright
✓	Lucelia J. Walker	✓	Jos. Harrington
✓	Junie L. Parker	✓	Mary A. Bamcroft
✓	Mary A. Wakefield	✓	Albert P. Danc
✓	Albert J. Francis	✓	Charles W. Horton
✓	Delia Converse	✓	R. Amundsen Buck
✓	Frank M. Smith	✓	Fanny E. Cook
✓	Eveline Converse	✓	Sept 26/93
✓	Marytha Converse	✓	Mr. Del S. Leblanc
✓	Chas. A. Spring	✓	Oct 1/95
✓	Bertha E. Rich	✓	Forces. Wadsworth
✓	M. Grace Rich	✓	Apr 9, 1896
✓	W. J. Ruggles	✓	Elyce R. Smith
✓	Mattie K. Phinney	✓	Apr 9, 1896
✓	John Phinney	✓	Charlotte H. Horton
✓	Charles Wakefield	✓	Olive A. Prescott

List of signatures continued on page 300 near end of Book.

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Lycium Hall Reading April 25th 1867

Meeting called to order by C. Appleton chairman
of the Committee chosen at a previous meeting
A. Howes chosen Chairman
H. P. Puntier Clerk

Heard the report of the Committee it was accepted
Several names proposed. Adopted the name of
the Christian Union of Reading Mass.
Articles of Association and By Laws proposed
by the Committee were adopted

Chairman and Clerk instructed to have
the Articles of Association and By Laws ready
for signatures

Adjourned until May 4th 1867 7:30 P.M.

Lycium Hall Reading May 4th 1867

The meeting called to order by the Chairman
Secretary read the report of the last meeting
Remarks made by Messrs. Fairchild, Appleton,
Rodger and others

The articles of Association were signed by
a number present

Adjourned until such a time as the
Chairman should call a meeting

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Lyceum Hall Reading May 25th 1869

Meeting called to order by the Chairman
Secretary read the report of the last meeting
and also the Articles of Agreement
Motion made by Mr Fairchild to amend
the Articles of Agreement by inserting the following
"As taught by Jesus Christ and acknowledging him
our Teacher and Guide" and adopted
To be inserted before "and considering this ^{beliefs} a sufficient
bond of union &c."

Motion made by Mr Fairchild to choose Officers
Motion made by Mr McIntire to choose them
by nomination a large, amended by Mr Fairchild
that a committee of four two ladies and two gents
be appointed by the chair to make the nominations
Chair appointed Mr Fairchild Mr W Proctor
Mrs S Dinmore and Mrs Schapp. They were chosen

Committee reported

A. Hovey

E. Safford

W Proctor

Trustees

J Reed Treasurer and collector

H Puntin Clerk

They were elected The Meeting dissolved

Reading May 26th 1869

Read a letter from Mr E Appleton requesting his
name to be crossed from the book

Lyceum Hall Oct 26. 1869

Meeting called by order of trustees

A. Haines chosen Chairman

Voted to lay out 2nd on the table and take up Act 3^d

Voted on motion of Mrs. A. Haines to continue the services of the Unit Universalist Society of Reading and assume the obligation of the same

Voted on motion of S. M. Hall passed to take steps to build a church

Voted that a Building Committee of five gentlemen be chosen by nomination

E. Safford W. Root S. M. Hall J. Reed and L. E. Gleason were chosen

Voted that a Selecting Committee of ten ladies and gentlemen be chosen

Mrs. Clapp Mrs. A. Haines Mrs. Hays
Mrs. Wellington Mrs. F. Hamden Mrs. F. Valentine
Mrs. Garfield Mrs. James Mr. Fairchild and
S. M. Hall were chosen

Meeting dissolved

G. D. Boston Clerk

Received of the Hon. Secy of the Navy
the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the
Navy Department

1864

100.00
The sum of \$100.00 is hereby
received of the Hon. Secy of the Navy
for the use of the Navy Department

100.00

100.00

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1847

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been admitted to the membership of the Society since the last meeting. The names are given in the order in which they were admitted.

1. Mr. J. H. Smith
2. Mr. W. B. Jones
3. Mr. T. A. Brown
4. Mr. C. D. White
5. Mr. E. F. Green
6. Mr. G. H. Black
7. Mr. I. J. Grey
8. Mr. K. L. Blue
9. Mr. M. N. Red
10. Mr. O. P. Yellow
11. Mr. Q. R. Purple
12. Mr. S. T. Pink
13. Mr. U. V. Orange
14. Mr. W. X. Silver
15. Mr. Y. Z. Gold

Yours very truly,

Synceum Hall Nov 7th 1810.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk
& Nield chosen Chairman

It was stormy evening and about a dozen
members present.

Resolved to pass over Articles 2nd and 3^d.

Resolved That the Trustees make such arrangements
for the coming year as they thought
advisable.

Resolved To adjourn until Nov 14th and let
the seeds be sold for the coming year
at that time.

H. Dutton Clerk

Specimen Hill, N. H.

The Chairman of the Trustees stated to the Meeting before offering the seats for sale that it was thought by a number present that it was not generally known that the seats were to be sold this evening as the Notices were only out two days, and that it was the intention of the Trustees to have the Notice given from the desk Sunday, and as there was no services that day on account of the storm it was not done. After some discussion it was Voted to defer the sale of seats one week Mar 21st

Adjourned meeting of the Society called to order by the Chairman Article 2nd taken up after hearing the report of the Building Committee (they reported that the two lots one corner of Brown & Windsor Street the other corner of Windsor and Sunder St - were the best lots that they could get taking everything into consideration. They found that they could not have land enough in the proposed place)

Voted on Motion of Dr Kimball that the Building Committee be authorized to purchase the Windsor Lot and to use the judgment in regard to the quantity of land. After taking the vote an informal vote was taken of all present on the site. Of the two lots 32 in favor of the Windsor St lot & 18 opposed.

Resolved that the Building Committee be authorized to apply for a church edifice not to exceed \$1000

Adjourned until Mar 21st

H. B. Kimball

Lycium Hall Nov 2nd 1870

Seal sold for the coming year

Building Committee could not get plans such
as those wished

Meeting dissolved

H. P. Smith, Secy.

one member of the Christian Union
Society, are hereby notified to meet at
Sydney Hall, Monday evening April 4th
at 12 o'clock for their annual meeting
to act on the following articles viz.

Art 1st To choose a Chairman

Art 2nd To hear the report of treasurer and act thereon

Art 3rd To hear the report of all committees and act
thereon

Art 4th To choose all necessary Officers for the
coming year

Art 5th To act on any other matter that may
properly come before the meeting

J. Howes }
C. J. Ford } Trustees
W. H. H. }
H. P. H. }
H. P. H. }
H. P. H. }

Reading Room 1870

Sycum Hall April 4th 1870

Very stormy evening, a quorum not present.
Adjourned until April 11th 7 1/2 o'clock

Sycum Hall April 11th 1870

Another stormy evening, a very small meeting
Business called to order by the clerk

C. D. Wright - Treasurer

Treasurer's report - heard, it was accepted and
adopted. Voted to lay out 3^d on the table

Resolved that W. Proctor, ^{voted} the Officers for the
coming year be chosen by ballot

The following Officers were elected

W. Proctor Clerk

J. Reed Treasurer

C. Safford

W. Proctor

G. Jones

Trustees

Voted to lay out 6th on the table and at
7th - 3^d. The Building Committee made
verbal report. C. D. Wright and J. H. Knight
added to the Building Committee

Adjourned until Monday the 18th April 1870
7 o'clock

W. Proctor Clerk

Treasure Report

Or
Total in collection
Gift of a friend

700.00

100.00 100.00

1867

Or

April 2nd	By	Paid one month for Hall	1.33
June 1st	"	E. B. Fairchild	50.00
June 27th	"	E. C. Parker (Singing)	23.08
June 30th	"	E. C. Parker (care Hall)	4.00
July 2nd	"	S. M. Gleason (Singing)	18.75
July 26th	"	E. B. Fairchild	13.33
Aug 4th	"	E. C. Parker (Singing)	26.82
Aug 7th	"	Mattie A. Hunt (Singing)	25.00
Aug 16th	"	Hattie S. Nelson (Singing)	25.00
Oct 4th	"	E. C. Parker (care Hall)	5.00
Oct 11th	"	S. M. Gleason (Singing)	18.75
Oct 1st	"	" " " " "	18.75
Oct 2nd	"	E. C. Parker	25.00
Oct 1st	"	" (Horse Hire)	11.00
Nov 30th	"	E. B. Fairchild	100.00
Nov 1st	"	E. C. Parker (Singing)	25.00
Dec 1st	"	E. C. Parker (care Hall)	6.00
Dec 1st	"	M. J. A. Hunt (Singing)	22.00
Dec 2nd	"	E. C. Parker (Horse Hire)	15.00
Dec 1st	"	H. M. S. Nelson (Singing)	25.00
Dec 1st	"	S. M. Gleason (Singing)	18.75
Dec 21st	"	E. C. Parker (care Hall)	6.84
		Uncollected bill	10.00
		Cash on hand & Balance	23.50

James Hunt

Lyceum Hall April 21st 1890

Meeting called to order by the Chairman
at 7:30 and adjourned until April 22nd 1890

H. Parker

Lyceum Hall April 21st 1890

Meeting called to order by the Chairman
Chairman being absent. A Howe chosen
Chairman, motion, it being in order
to read the Report of the Finance
Committee and of the Building Committee. It was reported
that the Building Committee were not quite ready
to report but could do so tomorrow evening.
Adjourned until April 22nd 1890

H. Parker

Lyceum Hall April 22nd 1890

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.
Motion made by H. Parker to instruct the Building
Committee to purchase the Western St. lot intended
to become a school that they be instructed to purchase
the lot on South St. the amendment was
carried and the motion was carried.

Motion that the Building Committee take steps immediately
to secure plans specifications for a black chapel.

Motion that the whole matter be left with the Building
Committee.

Adjourned until Friday next April 26th 1890

H. Parker

James Reid Treas. and Festive Committee

Proceeds from Fair	1825.00
1825.00	
Amalice Colubarium	26.00
22.00	

On

Paid out	361.31
Cash deposited in Bank	900.00
in hand	230.69

Reading April 16th 1870 of Reid Treas.

Reading April 16th 1870

Meeting in Green Hall after service
 Wm. H. Thores. Chairman
 J. Reid Sec. Pro tem
 J. W. Thores. J. W. Thores.
 Resolved - To send all the delegates to convention
 at New York which the society is entitled to
 To let the delegates be accompanied by the
 J. W. Thores. J. W. Thores.
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 To let the delegates be accompanied by the
 J. W. Thores. J. W. Thores.
 Resolved - That said nominations be accepted
 Resolved - That the delegates be authorized to purchase
 no titles
 Resolved - That the delegates be instructed
 apply for membership of convention
 James Reid Sec. Pro tem

1870-1871

Meeting called to order by the Cha.
Report of the last meeting read by the Clerk.
Motion made by A. Howes to reconsider the
vote of last meeting whereby they instructed their
Building Committee to purchase the Woburn St
lot, and carried.

Motion made by W. Proctor that the Building
Committee be instructed to purchase the
Parker Estate. it was carried.

Motion of A. Howes that a vote of thanks
be given by this Society to Miss Emily Ruggles
for her disinterested action in regard to the
purchase and transfer of the so called Parker
Estate to this Society.

Motion of A. Howes that the whole matter
of building the Church and even the
location there to be left with the Building
Committee.

Meeting dissolved

H. Parker Secy.

The members of the Christian Town
Society are hereby notified to meet at
Cathart Hall on Monday evening May 27th
at 8 o'clock to act on the following business

1st To choose a Chairman

2nd To see if the Society will approve the action
of the Building Committee in the sale
of Land

3rd To hear report of the Building Committee
and to take action in regard to raising more
additional funds as may be necessary to carry
out their designs in relation to their Church
Edifice Plans of same with proposals will
be presented to the meeting All are
earnestly requested to be present

W. H. Jones }
C. J. Jefford } Trustees
W. H. Doctor }

H. H. Jones Secy

Reading May 23rd 1870

Ellsworth Hall Sept 20

Meeting called to order by the clerk
J. H. Jones chosen Chairman

On motion of C. I. Wright that the action
of the Building Committee in regard to
the sale of land Wm. Holden be ratified

And on motion of C. I. Wright that the trustees
be authorized to make the legal transfer
of said land

Adjourned sine die

H. C. Perkins Clerk

'Copy'

At a legal meeting of the Christian Union
Society held in Ellsworth Hall August 20
the following resolutions were passed by a majority vote
of said Society

Resolved on motion of C. I. Wright that the action
of the Building Committee in regard to
the sale of land to Wm. Holden be ratified

And on motion of C. I. Wright that the trustees
be authorized to make the legal transfer
of said land

This is a true copy of the above

H. C. Perkins Clerk

Ellsworth Hall Sept 28th 1890

Voted to have the Christian Union Society represented
at the Conference of Unitarians held at
Brighton Sept 29th 1890 the following delegates
were chosen C. D. Wright, S. C. Gleason
Mrs Anne Appleton Mrs S M. Hall Miss
Abbie Clapp Miss M E White

Copy of Certificate

Reading Sept 28th 1890

At a meeting of the Christian Union Society
it was voted to send the following delegates
to attend the Middlesex Conference of Unitarians
held at Brighton Sept 29th 1890

C. D. Wright

S. C. Gleason

Mrs S M Hall

Miss Anne Appleton

" Abbie Clapp

" M E White

H. Hunter, Clerk

Sunday Oct 19th

At a meeting of the Christian Union held
in Belmont Hall it was voted to send
the following delegates to the National
Conference of Unitarians held in New York
Oct 19-20-21st 1870 W. Knight and
C. D. Wright they were authorized to
speak and vote for the Local and all
matters presented to this Conference
and also empowered to fill any "vacancies"
that may occur in the delegates.

J. Reed Sec. Pro Tem.

C. D. Fairchild Moderator.

H. P. Prentiss went to New York as substitute
for C. D. Wright as it was impossible for him to go.
Rev. Mr. Fairchild gave a brief account of the doings
of the Conference. Sunday Oct 23rd 1870

National Conference

Unitarians and other Churches

At a meeting of the Christian Union Socy
in Reading Mass. held Oct 11th 1870

Bros F H Knight and
" E D Wright were
chosen delegates together with Rev E B
Fairchild minister of the Socy and
delegate ex officio to represent the Socy
at the South Meeting of the National
Conference of Unitarians and other churches
to be held in New York Oct 25th 30th 31st

They are hereby authorised to speak and
vote for this Socy on all subjects
presented to this Conference

They are also empowered to fill all
vacancies that may occur in the
Delegates

Read Socy Pro.
E B Fairchild

Modesto Pro.

Reading Oct 11th 1870

Notes

The members of the "Christian Union" Reading
are hereby notified to meet at Lyceum Hall
on Monday evening Dec. 12th 1876 at 7 o'clock
to act on the following articles. Viz.

To choose a Chairman

Art 1st To see if the Association will assent
to the Partition of the estate held by them
under the will of Timothy W. Hartston
in common with said Hartston as made
by the Commissioners appointed by the
Probate Court for that purpose, and what
measures the Association will take to make
the same effective

Art 2nd To see if the Association will approve
the action of the Trustees with regard to
the sale of the estate of Timothy W. Hartston
and what further action they will take in
relation thereto.

Art 3rd To Transact any other business that
may legally come before said meeting

Wm. H. H. }
C. S. S. } Trustees
W. H. H. }

Robert H. H. Clerk

Reading Dec 5th 1876

Gyrum Hall Dec 21st 1870

Meeting called to order by the Clerk, prayer
not being present. Voted for motion of adjournment
to afternoon next Tuesday evening, Dec 28th 1870
at 7 o'clock

H. P. Penter Clerk

Copy of Certificate

Reading Dec 12th 1870

At a regular Meeting of the 'Christian Union'
it was voted to send the following delegates
to attend the ^{theological} Conference of Unitarians held at
Watertown Dec 14th 1870

A. Howe
L. E. Gleason
C. D. Wright
F. H. Knight
Mrs. A. Howe
" H. E. Cox

Delegates

H. P. Penter Clerk

F. H. Knight Chairman

Reading Museum Hall Dec 15. 1872

Adjourned meeting called to order by the clerk
J. H. Knights. Prayer by H. H. Haines.

On motion of A. H. Haines that the Association assent
to the sale of the Estate held by them under the
will of Timothy W. Hawthorn in common with Mary Hawthorn
as made by the Commission appointed by the State
Court for that purpose, and that the Trustees
be authorized and instructed in behalf of the
Association to sign any instrument or make and
execute any release that may be necessary to
establish and confirm the same.

On motion of L. D. Wright that we hereby approve
of the action of the Trustees with reference to selling
the estate of the late Timothy W. Hawthorn by the
Executor and that they be instructed in behalf of
the Association to make and execute any
deeds or releases that may be found necessary
to confirm such sale when made.

That the Association appoint some agent to attend
the sale of the Estate of Timothy W. Hawthorn to look
after the interests of the Association.

That a committee of three be appointed by the Board
Chair appointed J. H. Holbrook, S. E. Gleason and J. H. Haines
and they were chosen.

To send six delegates to attend the Middlesex Conference
of Unitarians held at Watlington Dec 14th.

A. H. Haines, L. D. Wright, S. E. Gleason

J. H. Knights, Mrs. A. H. Haines, Mrs. H. H. Haines were
chosen.

Meeting ended

L. D. Wright

Reading, Oct 21st 11

Let a meeting of the Christian Union
be held in the city with
budding members and other churches
and at 6 o'clock Oct 22nd 11

and some delegates were chosen

"C. J. Wood

"S. S. Moore

"J. Taylor

"C. J. Wood

"C. J. Wood

"C. J. Wood

"C. J. Wood

March,

The Christian Union
Reading was very enjoyed to read of
a young man (Walter C. Smith) who
at 17 years of age was taken
into a government station for

was a **Chairman**,

was a **Chairman** of the

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A (Chairman)
(Chairman)
11 (Chairman)

Chairman (Chairman)

Chairman (Chairman)

2. 11. 11

Meeting called to order. He said

that the Chairman

of the committee

had

been

in the building committee for some

time and he had been to call

on the committee for the

committee

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to the committee

to the committee

The committee had been

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Please find the order is now received
I am a member of the

Library of the city

H. C. Purdie

Exp. Report of the Treasurer

Amount received from the city	5.36
Bills paid	156.00
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Balance forward	147.50
And Treasurer of the "Hudson Union"	100.00
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Balance forward	147.50
Amount on hand	
And on order	
Sum of money received	

Wm. C. Clegg

Income Report

James Reid	income from Christian Union	Gr
"	"	10
"	"	240
"	Cash from a friend	15.00
"	"	25.00
"	"	22.02

1.6	Gr		
June 1st	30	Rent of Hall	24.00
" 19	64	C B Fairchild	266.67
" 21	"	W S Richardson	16.00
" 22	"	Mr W S Reid	12.00
July 1	"	C E Boardman	45.00
" 4	"	C B Fairchild	100.00
Aug 18	"	for Hymn Books	28.50
Sept 15	"	C B Fairchild	100.00
Oct 11	"	for Hymn Books	4.00
Nov 1	"	C E Boardman	58.00
" 1	"	Rent of Hall	28.00
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Oct 1st	"	C E Boardman	42.00
Nov 1st	"	C B Fairchild	100.00
" 1st	"	for Hymn Books	1.00
Jan 1st	"	C B Fairchild	1.00
" 1st	"	"	150.00

Reading, June 1st 1871

Report of the Trustees of the Christian
Union of Reading for the year ending April 3^d 1871

Obedient instructions given at last annual meeting we secured the services of Mr E J Fairchild & Storcham for the afternoon worship making the third of his pastorate for seven hundred dollars and the Society continued to occupy Lyceum Hall till the vacation in July, after which through the liberality of the W^m Potter we were enabled to continue our services at Edgeworth Hall free of expense from the first of August till the last of November while Lyceum Hall was being improved when we again returned and have held our possession until the present time.

We have relied upon congregational singing the past year according to the wish of the Society expressed by vote at last annual meeting, and which through the exertion of J. Boardman whose services as leader we have had through the year for ~~three~~ ^{four} dollars a week (\$1.00) and the cooperation of all has been a fully a success as was expected and during the last three months a quartette was improvised consisting of the leader Miss Belle Ginnemore, Mrs Reed and Carter A. Newell Howes, adding much to its effect and to them as well as to Miss Laura Ginnemore who has generously given her services both for the Society and Sunday School at the Seraphim - and the thanks of all are justly due.

The year has been particularly eventful
an epoch in the march of Rational Christianity
marked by the commencement of a Church
Edifice to be used for public worship. The
corner stone of which was laid with appropriate
ceremony Oct 6th and has been carried
forward toward its completion with energy
under the direction of the Building Committee
promising to be ready for occupancy by
next summer

The Committee appointed to solicit con-
tributions in aid of building the church
have met with great & flattering success
the sum total subscribed being \$1827.⁵⁰
Three thousand eight hundred and eighty two
dollars. and they are desiring of your thanks
for their efforts in that direction. A portion
of the fund subscribed has been paid into the
Treasury which with the amount remaining
in the Treasury from proceeds of the Fair held
February 1871 and \$883 One thousand and
eighty three dollars being the balance in the
Treasury of the First Universalist Society of Reading
and at a meeting held by the members of said
Society voted to be transferred to aid the
"Christian Union" in building their Church
also \$800 eight hundred dollars from The Fair
and Fairs of Dec last. has thus far
constituted the funds used, - quite a large
sum is yet needed to finish the work.
a portion of which is expected from bequest of
the late Timothy Ward Hawthorne viz, \$500
five hundred dollars to the "First Universalist
Society" of Reading and which was passed
over by vote to the Christian Union Society.

and the same ~~est.~~ bequeathed by said
Hartshorn to the "Christian Union" also
naming The "Christian Union" the residuary
Beneficiary under the will.

The Estate is now in the hands of N. P.
Patt Esq Executor and in due time will
be settled and the Balance passed over to
the Society.

Mr Hartshorn was a member of the First
Universalist Society and had he lived would
have been a member of the "Christian Union"
as he always enjoyed the companionship of
liberal mind - for two years previous to
his death his health had been failing
and for three months he was confined to
his bed - he passed away April 14th 1870
the funeral ceremony was held in the
Old South Church which was nearly filled
with the town people.

We have also been called to part with
one of our own members Henry D Wright
who passed away Nov 11th 1870 with con-
sumption and in order to convene the
many friends the funeral services were
held in Lyceum Hall the following
his death it was ~~an~~ occasion of much
interest the Hall being filled to its utmost
capacity and the services by Rev E B French
exceedingly appropriate and comforting.

In accordance with the general invitation
the Society sent Delegates to the South
Cuddesbury Conference of Unitarians and
other Christian Churches held at Brighton
Sept 29th 1870 and asked to become united
with them which was granted at the next

quarterly meeting held at Watertown Dec 14.th
and which was attended by your Delegates.
We were also well represented at the last
quarterly conference at Chelsea.

The Society has increased in members and
zeal, while the Sunday School has gathered
strength and interest promising usefulness in
the future.

Andrew Howe } Trustees
William Proctor }
E. Safford }

Reading April 3rd 1871

Notice

The members of the Christian Union Society
are hereby notified to meet at Lyceum Hall
on Friday Evening Aug 4th 1871 at 8 o'clock to
act on the following Articles viz.

Art 1st To choose a Chairman

Art 2nd To see if the Society will authorize their
Treasurer to hire money

Art 3^d To transact any other business that may
legally come before said meeting

A Howes } Trustees
E Safford }
W Doctor }

W Dunties Clerk

Reading July 28th 1871

Lyceum Hall Aug 4th 1871

Meeting called to order by the Clerk
Dr F B Kimball chosen Chairman
Vote under Article 2nd recorded below
Meeting dissolved
C

W D
Huntin, Clerk

At a meeting of the "Christian Union Society"
in Reading duly notified and held Aug 4th 1871
it was voted, that the ~~Executive~~ Trustees
be authorized to borrow the sum of Ten Thousand
dollars from the Boston Five Cent Savings
Bank for the purpose of paying off the present
mortgage ^{and aid in erecting their Church Building} to give their note ~~of the Society~~ for
said sum, and to execute and deliver in
~~its name and behalf~~ to said Bank, a
mortgage of the Church lot and buildings
on Main St in said Reading, to secure the
same
C

W D
Huntin, Clerk

Lyceum Hall, Reading -
Aug 22. 1891.

The Christian Union Society met at
8 o'clock P.M. in accordance with
the following warrant:-

"Notice.

The members of the Christian Union
Society are hereby notified to meet at
Lyceum Hall on Tuesday Evening
August 22nd at 8 o'clock to act on
the following articles, viz:-

Art. 1st. To Choose a Chairman -

Art 2nd. - To see if the Society will
authorize their trustees to borrow
from the Boston Five Cent Savings
Bank the sum of ten thousand dollars
for the purpose of paying off the
present Mortgage, and to aid in
erecting the Church Buildings: to
give their vote for said sum and
to execute and deliver to said Bank
a Mortgage of the Church lot and
buildings on Main Street, to secure
the same -

Art. 3d. - To see if the Society will
adopt a Code of By-Laws for the
government of the Society: or
what they will do in relation
thereto -

Art. 4th. - To transact any other
business that may come legally
before the said Meeting.

Per order of the trustees

A. Hous, E. Safford, W. Proctor. Trustees -
H. Proctor, Clerk.

Reading Aug. 16. 1891.

Under Article 1st. F. B. Kimball was
Church Chairman. and the Clerk
being absent. C. D. Wright was
Church Clerk - pro tem.

Under Article Second it was voted
unanimously. That the trustees be
authorized to borrow the sum of Ten
thousand dollars from the Boston
Five Cents Savings Bank for the pur-
pose of paying off the present mort-
gage and to give in mortgaging the
Church buildings for this Society to
give their note for said sum and
to execute and deliver to said Bank
a mortgage of the Church lot and
buildings thereon on Main St. in
said Reading to secure the same.

Under Article 3d. it was voted
to refer the matter of By-laws to
a Committee of three to report at
the next meeting. This Committee
was chosen by nomination, and
Messrs. William Prater, Andrew Horner
and Lemuel D. Wright were chosen for
the Committee.

It was then voted to adjourn
to Friday evening, Sept. 1st. at 7 1/2
o'clock -

The above warrant was executed
by the irregular Article and vote
therein - to raise money - in the
preceding warrant.

Lemuel D. Wright -
Clerk - pro tem

Christian Union Church Sept 15th 1871

A regular meeting called to order by the clerk. The Chairman not being present - C. D. Wright was chosen Chairman pro tem. Only a few members being present on motion of Mrs. Reid it was voted to adjourn until Saturday Sept 16th at 1 o'clock P.M.

H. P. Dunsen

Clerk

Christian Union Church Sept 19th 1871

The meeting called to order by the clerk. The Chairman again being absent - C. D. Wright was chosen Chairman pro tem. After reading the record of the two last meetings the report of the committee on By-Laws was called for. They reported in the form of a motion.

Moved in behalf of the Committee on By-Laws That the Constitution of the Society be amended so far as it relates to membership to read as follows.

That the application for membership be made to the Trustees of this Society and may be presented to them at any regular meeting of the Society and admitted to members by two thirds of all the members present voting in the affirmative. The motion was thoroughly discussed, and on motion of W. Hooper it was voted to pass it over and take it up at the next meeting.

Resolved to add two Ladies to the Committee on By-Laws.

Mrs. Minot and Mrs. D. B. Darfield were chosen to adopt the Large Hymn Book published by the A. C. W. Association. Mr. F. Knight the Committee to procure the same.

Also to adjourn until Saturday evening Sept 22nd 1871.

H. P. Dunsen

Clerk

Christian Union Church
Sept. 20th 1881

The Chairman again being absent -
S. C. Knight was chosen Chairman Pro. tem.
& Howes with the consent of the meeting
withdrew the motion ^{made by him} in behalf of the
committee on By-Laws at the last meeting

The Committee on By-Laws reported as follows
Article

Persons wishing to become members of this Society
may make application verbally or in writing
to the Clerk, who shall present their names
at the next meeting of the Society, and the applica-
tion shall be laid upon the table till the
succeeding meeting when if no objection is made
the applicant may record their name and
become members; But if objection is made
a two third vote shall admit them.

Article

In settling a pastor over this Society the
Church Organization (should their be some in
connection with the Society) and the Society shall
act in joint session, but the Church shall
have no voice in the general temporal government
of the Society

Article

All regular members of this Society 21 years of
age shall be entitled to vote but all ^{residents} ~~residents~~
of the Society, but this article shall not
preclude friends from joining the Society

Article

Any member removing permanently from
town shall after that time from such removal
be considered to have terminated his or her
membership and the parties name
stricken from the records

On motion of J Reid the report of the Committee
was accepted

On motion of J Reid the report of the
Committee was adopted

On motion of A Humes it was voted that
anything in the Articles of Association or
By-Laws that conflict with the above be
stricken out

On motion of W Dector a committee of three
appointed by the chair were chosen consisting of
L D Wright J C Gray and this council to
make arrangements for Sunday Services

Voted that the Organ Committee in connection
with the Music Committee be requested to
make arrangements for two concerts

Voted that a committee of five be appointed
by the chair to make arrangements for secular
amusements and entertainments the Committee
consist of A Humes H Punter C Safford

and Hattie Durnell Mrs Lyne J C of

Voted to adjourn until Friday Oct-6th at
11 o'clock

H Punter Clerk

Christian Union Church
Oct 1st 1871

At a meeting of the Christian Union Society of
Reading the following named persons were
chosen delegated to represent this Society at
the meeting of the South Middlesex Conference
held at Birmingham Wednesday Oct 4th 1871

Mr E G Wright Mrs F F Brown
Mrs Binot Mrs Ginnemore Miss Appleton
Miss Mary E White

H Duntis Clerk

Christian Union Church
Oct 6th 1871

The Chairman and Clerk of the meeting being
absent Mr W Proctor was chosen Chairman Pro tem
and A Howe Secy Pro tem as there was no
business of importance to come up
Voted to adjourn without date

A Howe Clerk Pro tem

Christian Union Church
Dec 1st 1871

The Christian Union Society met at 7 o'clock
in accordance with the following

Notice.

The members of the Christian Union Society are
hereby notified to meet at their Church on
Friday Evening Dec 1st 1871 at 7 o'clock to act
on the following articles &c.

Art 1st To choose a Chairman

Art 2nd To see if the Society will authorize their
Trustees to execute in their behalf such
writings and papers as may be
necessary to secure a settlement for
their Organ

Art 3rd To consult and act on such other business
as may properly come before said
meeting

In order of the Trustees

A. Howes
E. Safford
W. Rocker } Trustees

H. Duntis Clerk
Reading for 24th 1871

Under Article 1st A Howes was chosen
Chairman and the Clerk being absent
L M Garfield was chosen Clerk. Pro tem.
Mr H Knight explained in relation to the
settlement for the organ that between sixty and
one hundred dollars were due on first
payment and that Mr Pice would receive
a note signed by the trustees for the balance
payable in ~~installments~~ yearly with interest 7 percent
Under Art 2^d Voted that the trustees of
this Society viz, A Howes E Safford and
William Proctor be authorized to execute
in behalf of this Society four notes all dated
Sept 18th 1871 3 for \$200 and 1 for \$250 payable
in 123 & 4 years with interest at 7 percent. and
deliver the same to Samuel Pice
Under Art 3^d Voted to have a Christmas Tree
according to the usual custom on Monday Eve
Dec 25th in the Church. Voted to adjourn
one week and that a notice be given from
the desk on Sunday Dec 3^d

L M Garfield
Sec Pro tem

Christian Union Church
Dec 8th 1881

Adjourned Meeting called to order by the
Chairman. Secretary read the report
of the last meeting, completed arrangement
for Christmas Eve by choosing the following
Committees.

J. Blunt on Res.
Mrs. A. Howes, and Mrs. Dinsmore,
General Committee of Arrangements
to be assisted by the Officers and Teachers
of the Sabbath School.

Mr. J. C. Gray, O. A. Ruggles, Miss Anna
Knights, Mrs. Belle Dinsmore, and Miss
Addie Howes, Committee on Decoration.

Voted, to have a Coffee Festival as
soon as convenient. All present at the
meeting chosen Committee of Arrangements.
Meeting was dissolved.

W. D. Hunter
Clerk

Notice

The members of the "Christian Union" are hereby notified to meet at their church on Monday Evening Feb 26th 1872 at 7 1/2 o'clock to act on the following articles viz:

Art-1st To choose a Chairman

2nd To choose a Clerk Board of Trustees a Treasurer and a Collector

3^d To choose a Committee on Singing

4 To hear report of Trustees and act thereon

5 To hear report of Treasurer and act thereon

6 To hear report of all Committees and act thereon

7 To see if the Society will choose Committee on Charity, to visit the sick to extend hospitality to strangers or what they will do in relation thereto

8 To see if the Society will give their Trustees Treasurer, Collector or Committees any instructions

9 To see if the Society will give their Trustees any remuneration

10 To see what action the Society will take in relation to preaching the coming year

Oct 10th To act on any other business that may
legally come before said meeting
In Order of Trustees

A. Howes
C. Safford } Trustees
W. Proctor }

W. Proctor clerk
Reading Oct 11th 1882

The clerk called the meeting to order and
after reading the call C. S. Wright was chosen
Chairman

To pass on art 2nd 3rd and 4th and take up art 5th
That the Treasurer's Report be recommitted for
perfection

To accept the report of the Treasurer of the
Coffee Party

To accept the report of the Committee on
Sunday Evening Services

That this Committee continue their duties until
the 1st of April

That the report of the Collector be recommitted
for perfection

To take up article 4th and under this article
the report was recommitted for perfection

To take up art 2nd W. Proctor was chosen
clerk A. Howes C. Safford and W. Proctor
chosen Trustees W. Proctor Treasurer and
A. Howes Collector

That the Musical Committee continue this
year. The Committee are F. Hamden, C. S. Wright and F. H. Wright
to extend a call to Mr. Fairchild for another
year and that we pay him \$1000 for
the year

Added 0 cases over Art 8⁴ indefinitely

Under list 7th that we have committees on Charity
Hospitality and Visiting J. S. Sweetser H. C. White
Mrs H. C. Long were chosen Committee on
Charity W. Gordon L. Wright and Mrs F. Howe
Committee on Hospitality - Mr and Mrs C. F. F. F. F.
and Mrs Ginn Moore Committee on Sick

that the thanks of the Society be extended to
the Janitor Mr. Rodger for his faithful services
and also to the Committee on Sunday Services
for the able manner in which they have performed
these duties and that we feel very grateful to
them for the troubles they have borne in furnishing
us with preaching ^{and that} we feel that our thanks are
especially due to the Chairman of this Committee
on account of his exchanges

Voted that the Thank of this Society be
tendered to those gentlemen and ladies
who have so ably and generously supplied
our pulpit Sunday evening during the winter

That this meeting be dissolved

Wm. H. Miller

Report of the Trustees of the "Christian Union"
Reading Mass for Eleven months ending Feb 25 1872

Services occurred Lyceum Hall, services on the P.M.
only attendance ranging from 250 to 280 with
July 1st small addition of actual members
about the first of July vacated Lyceum Hall
and held no services till after the —
Dedication Wednesday P.M. Sept 1st 1871 church filled
to its utmost capacity services interesting
Invocation by Rev Thomas Davies
Reading of Scriptures by Rev J.R. Wright
Dedication hymn written by Rev W. Knappford
and sung by the congregation
Sermon by Rev W.K. Ludworth
Prayer by Rev Oscar Safford
Address to the Society by Rev W.D. Tiden
after the P.M. services by general invitation
a goodly number discussed a beautiful
collation spread by the Ladies of the Society in
Lyceum Hall

Meeting — In the evening at the Church.

During the evening following the Dedication the
seals were leased from that date to March 1st
after being duly prized by the Trustees, the
choicest was sold at auction
The Premium realized at the rate of 25¢ per
lot of one year whole amount, it was 75¢ for the
year exceeding the most sanguine expectations
about the last of Sept at a meeting called
to devise means to further the interests
of the "Union" C.D. Wright Ira C. Gray
and Mrs. C. Thind were chosen committees
to procure suitable persons to lecture
Sunday evenings such work though
arduous has been well performed

The church being closed for only two evenings and then on account of bad weather the community have had a rare opportunity to listen without charge to many of the best speakers of our time

Our Pastor - Rev C. D. Fairchild largely instrumental in organizing and assisting us in our efforts in building our beautiful church has continued his labors with us since our last report - with the same earnestness as during the previous years, and we feel that an increase in his salary from \$700, is justly due

Singing - as performed by our Quastette Choir, assisted by the congregation, has given entire satisfaction not only to our society but from numerous friends of the various religious societies in town who have manifested their interest in our welfare by their liberal attendance

Our Organ - the perfect gem of musical sounds has been skillfully managed by Miss Laura Ginnmore to the gratification of all

Our Sunday School - has increased in numbers and improved in tone under the guidance of its efficient Supt - Col C. D. Wright, ably seconded by Teachers Sabraun and all

Our - has increased in numbers and improved Committee have been substantially successful in collecting funds toward raising for the Church edifice the whole amount subscribed \$3208.00 of which \$3015.00 has been collected and paid into the treasury leaving a Bal uncollected \$193.00

Articles - consisting of Carpets, Furniture &c to be removed & sold which includes the entire furnishing of the Church excepting the Cushions

The Organ - Costing \$1850 has been paid for in part by voluntary subscription of \$750.00 and by drawing interest \$100.00 Organ Concert given previous to the Dedication \$125.00 and enough

Committee (Carter) ... make
the amt \$790 leaving a balance of \$850
unpaid. Standing in notes of 1, 2, 3, & 4 years, pays
\$100 each year for the first 3 years, and \$250 for the
4th year ... notes falling due
each year

(1.15) Be will of late ... W. Kaitsham ... society of
W. Kaitsham Legacy and balance of estate falling to it. by
being residuary Legatee has realized the sum of
\$1722.⁸³/₁₀₀ aside from \$25- subscribed by him towards
building the church, and a bequest of ...
the ... which is a
bequest sacredly subject to be used in the
interest of love and good works toward all
and may his memory be cherished by constant
endeavors in as far as emulate that kind
toward others, which he manifested in so
generously helping us

Still numbers ... meetings of which, gradually through the year
have been attended to ...
about 112. at Malden Grove in June
Birmingham in Oct and Waltham in
Jan

One Marriage has been performed in the church for Henry
Robinson and Miss Mary H. Howe Oct 18th & 11.

Funerals the number of three have been attended within
the walls - none directly connected as members
of the Society but all sympathizers or helpers
of the Liberal Movement

an ... a niece of Mrs Wm. Porter funeral Nov 5th and 27 years
old a citizen well known for his deeds of charity

throughout the community and an ardent lover
of all true progressive ideas ...
... followed to the tomb
... years ...

and I can not but be surprised that moral
form could be years

Christians - have not been organized for labor but our witness
benevolent individual instances have often come under our
observation enough to convince us that outward
domination has not obliterated, but tended largely
to quicken into practical activity those emotions
and virtues which in their results illustrate
fully our belief in the common humanity of the
race. But we are confident more effect
can be produced by organized effort and
therefore we recommend the choice of such
committees as will best extend and vitalize
the broad truths underlying our Christian Union

Reading Feb 26th 1872

W. D. Packer	} Trustees
C. J. Safford	
A. H. Moros	

Reading 16 Dec 1851

V. Parker

The Committee of the "Christian Union" for Sunday Evening Meetings submit the following report -

Sunday Evening meeting began the first Sunday evening after the Dedication of the church. It has been occupied the pulpit and he has supplied service twice since. Rev. R. H. Light preached one evening. Rev. W. F. Potter one evening. Rev. H. D. Barnes one evening. Rev. P. H. Kitchin two evenings. Rev. A. L. Loomis one evening. Rev. W. C. Bennett two evenings. Rev. G. A. Hannaford one evening. Rev. J. W. Brown one evening. Rev. M. L. Jones one evening. It has been occupied three evenings have been occupied by Sunday School Concerts and three by Vesper Services.

Commissions have occurred on account of bad weather although supplies were ready -

The Committee have promises of sermons from Rev. H. D. Long of Bedford. Rev. H. W. Aldrich of Everett. Rev. M. Thayer of South Boston. and one or two others. and they would recommend that after the engagements already made have been filled the Sunday Evening service be discontinued.

In order to keep the pulpit supplied the committee have been obliged to make many drafts upon their friends. and in many cases receive reciprocity of favors which they have no doubt will be cheerfully rendered.

Great trouble has been experienced in transporting
 the speakers who have with great generosity
 given the Union their labors. There being
 no public conveyance. The committee have
 called into requisition the cheerful aid
 of friends of the movement. as a rule
 the meetings have been finely attended
 but the Society has not responded with
 its presence equal to the labor necessary to
 maintain the supplies. The character of the
 sermon, preached by them who have so
 kindly come to us. has been of the very
 highest order. and those who have labored
 on the work feel abundantly rewarded
 when they reflect upon the noble disservice
 in which they have had the pleasure of
 assisting, and they who have taken the
 trouble of coming out in all weathers
 can testify to the benefit from this winter
 Sunday Evening work

Respectfully Submitted
 Currier & Wright
 Chairman of Com-

The Collector's Report for the year ending March 1871

Whole amt to collect from Rent of seats in Lyceum Hall to July 1871	\$ 22.28
Whole amt to collect from Rent of seats in Church from Sept 15 th to March 1 st 1872	18.09
	40.37
And collected and Paid to Treasurer	101.31
Balance uncollected	227.26

S. B. Haven Collector
 S. B. Haven

Christian Union Church Oct 12th 1872

At a meeting of the Society the following persons
 C. D. Wright and Anna Appleton were chosen
 delegates to the National Conference of Unitarians
 and other Christian Churches held in Boston
 Oct 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 1872

H. P. Hunt clerk

The Treasurers Report for the year ending Mar 1. 1872

James Reed Treasurer Dr
 1871 To Cash for Rev Rents 1870 42.79
 " " Gift of a Friend 12.00
 " " Rent of store for (1 2c) 58.75
 " " J. B. Gray proceeds of Coffee Party 125.75
 " " L. E. Gleason Collector 1095.81 1335.10

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By paid J. A. Blunt (Janitor) 45.
 " " C. E. Boardman (Singing) 18.
 " " Lyceum Hall Assn (Rent) 12.5
 " " Belle J. Dinwiddie (Singing) 75
 " " E. B. Fairchild 375
 " " H. C. Gray (Printing) 12
 " " Taxes for 1871 28.23
 " " Laura M. Dinwiddie (Organist) 37.50
 " " Mrs Wm Reed (Singing) 10.
 " " for Gas 57.15
 " " 2 Hymn Books and Lettering 3.10
 " " C. D. Wright for Music &c 21.29
 " " Chas B. Rodgers (Sundries) 12.90
 " " Organ Boy 6.25
 " " R. M. Boyce (Coal) 60.00
 " " Cash on hand 448.68 1335.10

Reading Feb 26 1872

James Reed
 Treasurer

Christian Union Church Feb 24th 1873

The Christian Union Society met in accordance with the following Warrant:-

Notice

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified to meet at their church on Monday Evening Feb 24th 1873 at 7½ o'clock to act on the following articles

Art 1st To choose a chairman

Art 2nd To hear report of Trustees and act thereon

Art 3rd To hear report of Treasurer and act thereon

Art 4th To hear report of Collector and act thereon

Art 5th To hear report of all committees and act thereon

Art 6th To choose a clerk. Board of Trustees. Treasurer and Collector

Art 7th To choose a committee on Singing, Charity Hospitality and Singing

Art 8th To see if the Society will give their Trustees any instruction in regard to the letting of Pews

Art 9th To see if the Society will give their Trustees ^{or Committee} any instructions

Art 10th To see what action the Society will take in relation to preaching the coming year

Art 11th To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting

Per order of Trustees A Howe E Lafford W Horton H Penline Clerk
Reading Feb 15th 1873

Under Art 1st C D Wright was chosen Chairman
The Trustees Treasurer and Collectors Reports were
accepted and adopted Art 5 was passed over
as the committees had no reports to make
Under Art 6th A Howe E Safford W Proctor were
chosen Trustees H Dunters Clerk James Reid
Treasurer C G Rodgers Collector
Under Art 7th F H Knight F Harnden and
C D Wright were chosen Committee on Singing
Sweeten H E White Mrs H E Cox Com on
Charity C D Wright E Safford W Proctor Com
on Hospitality Mr & Mrs C F Pinkham and
Mrs Samuel Dinemore Committee on Visiting
Under Art 8th The Trustees were instructed to let
the seals on the same basis as last year
Art 9th voted to lay on the table
Under Art 10th The Trustees were instructed to
renew ^{the service of} C B Fairchild as pastor for the coming year
if he would come for the same salary as last year
\$1000. Under Art 11th Adjourned Sine die

H Dunters, Clerk,

Second Annual Report of Trustees of "Christian Union"

In accordance with the vote at the Annual Meeting Feb 25th 1812 - The Trustees offered Rev E B Fairchild the sum then voted viz \$1000, for compensation for his services for the coming year which we are pleased to say he accepted and accordingly the Society has been favoured with his Pastorate the past year making the fifth - and as yet we do not discover a desire for a change.

The condition of the Society remains about the same in regard to members as the commencement of the year, some that were accustomed to meet with us have removed or vacated for other reasons and new ones have been added - The services have been only afternoon and the attendance has been very good.

In exchange we have had Rev Mr Cutler of Arlington April 7th; Rev M Aldrich of Rensselaer Apr 14 and May 26th; Rev J A Hannaford of New Haven Conn afternoon and evening July 28th at which our vacation commenced and continued until Sept 1st Sept 15th; Rev Mr Ames a Methodist Preacher presented the claims of the North Ad Mission Boston Contribution for the same after service resulted in \$10,000⁰⁰ Oct 29th Rev Mr Cutting of Meadville Pa preached and Feb 8th; Rev Mr Sage of Gloucester We have also listened to Rev Mr Dawes now settled at Brewster - among the services of the year appropriate for particular occasions was a sermon on Palm Sunday Mar 24th Easter Sunday service with Church beautifully decorated by Mr O A Reggles Rose Sunday June 30th several children were christened Service very impressive.

Dec. 5th Our Pastor after the usual service related the condition of the Deerfield Society and wished us to contribute with the Stoughton Society towards a Bible for their New Church. An informal collection was taken for that purpose after the Congregation was dismissed resulting in \$

The singing has been conducted by the same quartette as in previous year viz. Messrs Fred Hamden, C. D. Wright - Misses J. Denimore and Mrs. Wm. Reed with Miss Laura Denimore as Organist. The congregation joining in two Hymns - all with pleasure and satisfaction to all. Much to our regret we have been deprived of the services of Miss J. Denimore for nearly two months through sickness. All are anxious for her speedy recovery and hope to see her in her usual place before many months. The Sabbath School is under the direction of its efficient Supt. Hon. C. D. Wright and still continues in a healthy and progressive condition - its regular sessions are well attended its occasional Concerts attractive and well patronized. Its Christmas Tree & gatherings pleasing to all and promising good fruit.

The financial condition of our Society has been somewhat improved although it has been considered a hard year for money. The annual letting of the seats Feb. 28th resulted in a premium of \$257. over the appraisal making a total for the year of 2389 ⁶⁸/₁₀₀. The floating debt has been nearly discharged. The Sewing circle donated \$164 towards paying one of the notes of \$200 and interest on the Organ and a collection of \$31.50 by Mrs. George W. Sumner leaving a balance of \$17.50 paid from the Society's funds.

The great Fire in Boston Nov 9th so crippled
offices in which our Church was insured
that the policies were cancelled and the cost for
reinsuring for one year \$137⁵⁰/₁₀₀ was paid from
church funds excepting \$54 which was raised
by Mr Proctor in voluntary contributions
The Middlesex Conference held a session
with us in September last and we have attended
some of their meetings elsewhere by delegates
at the annual Meeting held in Newton
Jan^y last the Conference made choice
of our members for President - Hon C D Wright
for which we feel as a Society honoured through
him

A Groves
W Proctor } Trustees
E Safford

Report of Treasurer for the year
ending March 1st 1873
1872 Dr

Mar	To Cash on hand	448.68
" 15	" " of Mrs Howes	12.
Apr 6	" " " A "	69.
May 10	" " " Mrs McHale	28.35
"	" " for Rent of Store to Feb 15 th 1873	235.
Dec 28 th	" " of W Porter Subscription for ^{insurance}	52.
1873 Jan 2	" " Widow Thaddeus Pratt gift	5.
6	" " of Hugh Dodson in full	50.86
Feb 24	" " " A Howes collector (to date)	2400.27 3301.26

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By Paid	E B Fairchild	1375.
"	Belle P Dinemore (Singing)	95
"	L M Dinemore (Organist)	85
"	for Blowing the Organ	25
"	Mrs W.B. Reed (Singing)	185
"	E Safford	75
"	Gas Bills	32.85
"	Interest on Loan	700.
"	Reinsurance	137.50
"	S Price note & interest	258.50
"	for Wood W. Jones	6.35
"	" Coal	65.47
"	Lyceum Hall Rent	30.
"	Ch Rogers (Sexton)	100.
"	Taxes for 1872	27.20
"	H H Turner	34.33
"	T Littlefield	15.12
"	A Howes	10.
"	Bal in hands of Treasurer	<u>294-3301.26</u>

Reading Feb 24th 1873

J Reed
Treasurer

Collectors Report for the year ending Mar 1st 1873

Recd of L E Gleason (collector of 1871)	151.57	
" " " " " (uncollected list)	185.69	337.26
Paid of above to Treasurer	268.97	
amt charged off to E Saffords acct-	40.84	
Error in R Nichol Bill	112	310.93
Am't due from Sist- 1871 Lyceum Hall seats	14.67	26.33
" " " " " Church	11.66	26.33

Am't of sales of seats Feb 28-1872 and Rentals 2389.08
 Seats paid in part and given up. Bearing Bal
 to be deducted

on Farwell Wrights	12.00	
" Misses Chandlers	14	
" Mrs Frosts	26.25	
" Benj Whitten	12.50	
" G S Cole	30.00	94.75
A P Smith chd of uncollected	15.00	
E B McIntire " " " "	3.75	113.50

Total amt- Rental for 1872 2276.08

Am't collected and Paid Treasurer	1831.99	
" chd off to E Safford acct-	70.00	
" on hand in cash	47.45	2049.44
Balance uncollected		226.64

Recd from Mrs M H Bell Treasurer of the Ladies Sewing Circle Toward paying Int Pierce Note of \$200 and Interest due Sept 15/72 and Pd to Treasurer	168.00	
Recd from Mrs G W Dimes Collector for Organ	31.50	
" " N H. Turner for Hymn Books	280	1283.40
Total collections 1871 list	268.97	
for 1872	1872 "	1931.99
Amount Paid Treasurer ^{Ref'd was made} after	47.45	2248.41
Total amt- Paid to Treas for the year		2447.71

Reading Feb 24 1873

Andrew Howe collector

James Reed Treasurer of Christian Union Dr

1870				
Nov	12	To Cash with drawn from Reading Savings Bank	900	
"	9	" " from Adrian Martins in part for House	50	
July	12	" " " " " " " full " "	1100	
"	25	" " " Hugh Doolan in part for Ell	400	
"	30	" " " G W Simes for out Building	4	
Aug	6	" " " Smith for old Lumber	3	
"	17	" " " E D Sarag Hob for Rent of Store	50	
"	20	" " " A Howes ad from insurance	2.40	
"	"	" " " W J Holden for land and Barn	700.	
Nov	5	" " " Reading Savings Bank (interest)	7.50	
"	"	" " " W Parker Bal Rent for Sarag Hob	6.12	
"	"	" " " " " " " Eliot Jones	8.75	
"	18	" " " E D Sarag Hob 12r Rent for store	50	
Dec	17	" " " First Universalist Society (gift)	1083	
"	"	" " " Interest on same	60.25	
1871				
Feb	6	" " " Hugh Doolan on %	50	
"	18	" " " E D Sarag Hob 12r Rent Store	50	
Apr	3	" " " Miss Clapp (Paid E Safford)	800	
"	7	" " " Hugh Doolan on %	100	
May	13	" " " A P Pratt (Hartshorn Estate)	400	
"	19	" " " E D Sarag Hob 12r Store Rent	50	
"	30	" " " Miss Clapp (from O Forte pd E Safford)	400	
July	13	" " " Hugh Doolan on %	100	
Aug	26	" " " Boston Fire & Life Savings Bank Loan	10000	
"	31	" " " Parker & McQuestion 12r Store Rent	58.75	
Sept	7	" " " Wm Proctor proceeds of Fair for Organ	105.65	
"	14	" " " C D Wright " Organ Concert	137.30	
"	"	" " " Wm Proctor Subscription for Organ	634.25	
Nov	18	" " " S M Hall from Sale of Hartshorn Estate	1050	
Dec	10	" " " A Howes from Dramatic	60	
Jan	6	" " " Hugh Doolan interest to Jan 1 st 1872	16.54	
"	9	" " " Mrs E S Hall (Shawbury Festival)	105	
Amount carried over			18592.54	

1872

Jan 26	To Cash of A P Pratt (Northome Estate)	375
Feb 20	" " " Parker & McQuinn 12r Store Rent -	58.75
" 22	" " " Mrs Hannaford's Lecture	14.25
May 29	" " " Hugh Doolan on a/c	104.47
Oct 24	" " " A. Howe	42.50
" "	from sales of gravel &c	80.00
" "	Subscription in Aid of Building Church	<u>3009.58</u>

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Amount brot up

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James Reid Treasurer Christian Union Co

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May	13	Paid Miss E Ruggles on Parker Estate	10.20
June	2	" " Everett Parker posting notices	25
July	13	" " W Parker permit to remove building	2.00
	26	" " M Ellis & Co moving Ell for Doolan	1.50
"	28	" " Geo W Howard 36 perch Stone	36
Aug	5	" " M Ellis & Co moving Barn & Shed	75
"	"	" " H C Gray advertising Building for Sale	2.50
"	17	" " E D Savage & Co for Nails	1.26
"	"	" " A Howes " Stamps	80
"	19	" " H W Turner work for Doolan	49.00
"	"	" " S M Hall (bond money buying)	5.00
Sept	3	" " W Parker on Mortgage	600.
"	"	" " Stamp on note (Holden)	05
"	17	" " Peterson & Parker underpinning	255.
"	18	" " M Forbes work on cellar	78.75
"	20	" " C Young & Emerson (cement)	3.
"	21	" " R Nichol work on lot	102.01
"	24	" " A S Johnson for Sand	6.00
"	29	" " Moses Bancroft (cedar posts)	2.
"	"	" " John Norwood (" ")	2.25
"	30	" " C Young & Emerson (cement)	6.
"	"	" " Cummings Ex	5.50
Oct	1	" " W M Phillips work for Doolan	150.
"	3	" " C C Frost Stock & Labor on Barn & Storehouse	35.39
"	6	" " A Blood Laying Brick	6.75
"	6	" " H W Turner " "	57.38
"	11	" " H C Gray Printing	9.
"	2	" " Cummings Ex (cement)	6.
"	19	" " A S Johnson (Sand)	2.25
"	7	" " W Parker interest to date	167.57
"	14	" " W M Phillips Lumber & Labor	11.84
"	17	" " Cummings Express cement	3.07
"	17	" " Amount carried over	3053.55

1870

For 18 th	By Paid	E D Savage & Co	repairing 2 cars & rails	374
Dec 3	"	"	R Nichols stoning as per contract	112
"	"	"	" " " Man and team 2 day	2
" 14	"	"	Henry Baker digging trench	62
1871 Jan 2	"	"	John Pike gas piping	34.48
"	"	"	for Labor digging cellar	214.11
Mar 18 th	"	"	J Pike gas piping	122
Feb 17	"	"	C Corkins for insurance	2750
May 6	"	"	W Parker interest on Mortgage Note	154
June 2	"	"	for Stamp on Deed to P & M Luction	1
" 8	"	"	C Corkins insurance	140
" 18	"	"	" " " " "	175
July 7	"	"	" " " " "	48
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" 19	"	"	B & Temple Plank for stable	5.77
Aug 5	"	"	John Blakely Labor Grading Lot	17.00
" 14	"	"	C C Frost Shingling on House	18
" 17	"	"	P & Parker Stone fences	12
" 21	"	"	B C Clark Labor Grading Lot	15
" 24	"	"	D P Babb " " "	42.60
" 26	"	"	A H Evans 10 days interest on Loan	19.44
"	"	"	E H Richard legal services and Stamp	47.75
"	"	"	W Proctor 4 fares from Boston Reading	1.40
"	"	"	W Parker Bal on Mortgage Note	4400
"	"	"	" " " interest " " " " full	13.26
" 27	"	"	P & M Luction (pail)	35
"	"	"	C Corkins insurance on store	24
Sept 1	"	"	P & M Luction (Spikes)	18
" 1	"	"	C Corkins insurance	16.68
"	"	"	Waynard team to Hartsorne Estate	75
" 4	"	"	for burning Blocks for Gas fixtures	11
" 9	"	"	Lang. Express on Regular House Hand & C	1.00
Amount carried over				5806.98

1871

Sept 9	B ^y Paid	Haynes for Music Stand	10
" 14	"	" " W & Co's boarding men while lettering tablet	5
" "	"	" " Expense L M Weston at Dedication	5
" 16	"	" " Saml Pierce on Organ	520 30
" "	"	" " Parker & McCusker for Pail	35
" "	"	" " J Reid & Co for Cambric	27
" 19	"	" " W & Co Gray Printing for Dedication	12.00
" 23	"	" " Saml Pierce on Organ	100
" 29	"	" " W S Brazer Fixing Church	300
" "	"	" " E L Nichols Stock and Labor	645
Oct 6	"	" " R Nichols Grading Lot	60.40
" 17	"	" " Saml Pierce on Organ	269.70
" "	"	" " for Stamps on Pierce's notes	45
" 28	"	" " L Perkins for insurance	7000
" "	"	" " F M Holmes Chans for Choir	20
Nov 18	"	" " Tucker Mfg Co for Gas Fixtures	170 67
" "	"	" " S W Walker Furnaces	330
" 21	"	" " Hallett & Co Bail on cushions	319
Dec 4	"	" " Interest on Loan to Dec 16 th 1871	221.67
" "	"	" " E Safford Shingles for Hartshorne ^{House}	60.88
" 15	"	" " S Harnden & Sons Lumber for Shed	978
Jan 6 ¹⁸⁷²	"	" " John Pike Gas fitting	4300
" 31	"	" " Tax on Hartshorne Estate for 1871	<u>2254</u>
			2557.46
		Amount brot over	3053.55
		" " " Paid E Safford to ^{pay} 1872	<u>5806.88</u>
			10857.48
			<u>22275.47</u>
		Cash on hand & Balance	<u>1.67</u>
			22277.14

Paying Feb 1873

Christian Union Church Nov 23 1871

The Christian Union Society met in accordance
with the following notice:

Notice

To members of The Christian Union are hereby
notified to meet at their church on Sunday
Nov 23rd at 10 o'clock to act on the following
articles:

1st To choose a Chairman

2nd To hear the report of Trustees and act thereon

3rd To hear the report of Treasurer and act thereon

4th To hear the report of Collector and act thereon

5th To hear the report of all Committees and act thereon

6th To choose a Clerk Board of Trustees Treasurer and Collectors

7th To choose a Committee on Singing Hospitality Visiting
and Praying

8th To see if the Society will give their Officers and
Committees any instructions

9th To see what action the Society will take in relation
to preaching the coming year

10th To act on any other business that may be brought
before said meeting

Per order of Trustees

Wm. Clifford W. P. Davis Trustees

Nov 23 1871 H. B. Butler Clerk

W. Parker Clerk

Final Annual Report, Ladies' Association

Under resolutions adopted at the annual meeting
the Ladies have continued the arrangement
with Mr. J. B. Furbell of the American Star for the
second volume as compensation for his services
in carrying the birth of his Pastorship
into a book with great satisfaction of previous
years. The annual letting of the seat on
pew for choice has resulted in a sum of
\$200.00 making a total rental of \$100.00
for the year ending Dec. 31st 1884.

There is still uncollected for the year ending
March 31st 1885 and for the year ending
Sept. 30th 1885 for the present year \$100.00.

Thus there has not only been a falling off
in the collection but an increasing weight
the payment of the obligation in which the
welfare of the society depends, and the greater
the difficulty the more must be met
and still we have the demands
of the future?

An extraordinary effort has been made
last year to cover deficiencies by a Fair and
Festival commencing Dec. 1st 1884 the
entire week of the Ladies' Fair
and ending two sessions with the
Ladies' Fair - Dramatic Entertainment for
making a grand success total receipts
\$100.00 but proceeds to nearly \$200.00 and
to the school. The singing has
been sustained by the Ladies' Association
and a night of new songs and hymns
has been given by the Ladies' Association
and the Ladies' Association has been
in connection with the fair.

The members of the church have been
instructed in the number and not
justly last of the church members
The officers gave a characteristic lecture
in the church Sunday evening June 25th
which was very much approved and highly
appreciated.

Many thanks are due to the almost weekly
florists of flowers from the S. A. Rogers
which have adorned the church and added
another attraction to all who attend or visit
here.

We have by delegates attended the general
meeting of the South Middlesex Conference
of Unitarians and other Christian churches
of which we are members. Hon. C. C. Rogers
has been selected President for the ensuing year.
The meetings have been gratifying and
valuable.

The Sabbath School continues to hold its
sessions the Sunday school and that for
children have been added in that they
are increasing. 181 scholars who in
addition to our services and singing which
has been made to the school during the
year. The condition of the school is
very satisfactory and we are well
equipped with a good standing of the
school, continued to improve and
grow.

The Society by its Committee on Charity have been called
to make various contributions to assist some of the
poor and unfortunate of our members and others that
have been brought to their attention.

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Read the 2nd of 5
The Christian Union met in accordance with
following Order of Business:

Order

The members of the Christian Union are hereby
ordered to meet at their church on Sunday the
25th of 1854 at 7 o'clock and on the following
agenda viz.

- Art 1st To choose a Chairman
- Art 2nd To hear the report of Trustees and act thereon
- Art 3rd To " " " " Treasurer " " " "
- Art 4th To " " " " Collector " " " "
- Art 5th To " " " " All Committees " " " "
- Art 6th To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer and Collector
- Art 7th To choose a Committee on Foreign Missions, Charity
and Missions
- Art 8th To see if the Society will give their Officers
a Committee and instructions
- Art 9th To see what action the Society will take
in relation to preaching the coming year
- Art 10 To see if the Society will lease land for
the building of a Hall
- Art 11 To act on any other business that may
legally come before said meeting

In Order of business
I hereby certify that the above is the
true and correct copy of the minutes of the
meeting of the Christian Union held on the 25th of 1854

and was chosen Chairman
at 7 o'clock was accepted and adopted and
as the Treasurers and Collections Committee
Charity, Hospitality and Visiting made verbal report
which were accepted. The following Officers
were chosen for the coming year

W. D. Puntin Clerk

A. H. Jones

W. Proctor

C. D. Wright

} Trustees

Thomas Reed

Treasurer

C. D. Wright

Collector

C. D. Wright

S. C. Hays

H. Brundage

} Singing Committee

Committee on Visiting Mrs. W. H. P. Pittman and
Mrs. J. Dinsmore

Committee on Charity S. J. Swetten Miss M. E.
White & Mrs. J. E. Hays

Committee on Hospitality C. D. Wright W. Proctor
and C. D. Hafford

Voted to instruct the Trustees to see what
arrangements they could make with our town-
ship for the coming year and report at an
adjourned meeting and the singing Committee
were instructed to see what arrangements
could be made with the choir for

the coming year and report at an adjourned
meeting Voted to reserve article 10th

Under article 10th C. D. Wright moved

the following "That the Trustees be authorized
to lease land in the rear of the church
in an association for the purpose of building
a small Hall. but on such conditions
as the Trustees may deem proper and desirable and
subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees"

...not the
...the Church Union have a room
...management of our hall ...
...built on the land belonging to the
Society, and provided also, that the
erection of such hall would not impair
or increase the insurance upon the church
...in any way affect the mortgage upon
the same" which was voted
That to adjourn until Mar 6.

Church Union Church Mar 5.
Meeting called to order by the Chairman
...made a very brief report and
it was voted to leave the matter of preaching
with the trustees. The singing committee
did not understand that there were to make
any report at the adjourned meeting but
gave the society to understand that
they would make such arrangement, that
there would be no doubt but what it
would be perfectly satisfactory to the society
and it was voted to leave the matter of
singing entirely with the committee.
The thanks of the society were tendered
to Mr & Mrs F. H. Knight for the use of
their house for the Chautau Party for the
evening of the society, also to all managers
of the masked party in Green Hall
...Garfield ... Smith and ...
and also to Mrs F. H. Knight and Mr F. H. Knight
for their efforts in making it as successful
after having discussed the condition of the
Society for some time and after giving a
word of thanks to Mr F. H. Knight the ladies
of the church report was voted to adjourn
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Fourth Annual Report of Trustees of Christian
Union

In accordance with a vote of the annual
meeting of 1894 the Trustees tendered Rev. E. H.
Furshold the office of one thousand dollars
for his services from March 1st 1894 to
March 1st 1895 which he accepted and
another year has been added to his
successful pastorate, with us making the
seventh.

The annual rental of seats Feb 26th resulted
in \$200 premium making a total collec-
tion of \$1922 for the year being \$193
less than previous year and although the
Fair and Festival held in December 1893
more than cleared the deficit for last
year the balance was not sufficient with
the income of the present year to
discharge the liabilities incurred.
Deficit amounting to \$300. no organized
effort having been made as yet to
raise the additional sum — although
we are pleased to record that through
the generous offer of Rev. F. H. Knight in
opening his house for the benefit of the
"Christian Union" an successful and
pleasant occasion occurred Friday eve
Feb 17th resulting in a subscription of \$125
which minus expenses of Music Reading
leaves a balance of about \$50. an encouraging
prospect that this will be succeeded by other
motives in promising toward expunging the
debt soon.

There is one note of \$250 due in col-
lecting with one year interest at 5% making
the sum of \$262.50 which should be paid

with the mortgage held by the Union for a
large sum of \$15000 contribution to a good
building of the society. The Ladies Sewing
Circle have donated 50 towels for the
of your note due - Sept 1875

The Finance Committee S. J. Tinsley
W. H. Knight & C. L. May secured the
services of Mrs. Sarah Dinwiddie as
organist Miss Isabella Dinwiddie as soprano
Mrs. Walter Perkins alto Chas. F. Hornum
Tenor and Mr. Tinsley Bass and
Sunder Congregation joining in two hymns
which has proved satisfactory to all

The services have been continued as in
previous years to be held in the afternoon
only and have been fairly attended. There
has not been any evening meetings since
last June. Sufficient notice for the same
appeared to be lacking. Sabbath School
continues to be held on here preceding the
services and is in much the same condition
as previous years. Bro. B. D. Wright, Sept;
but a few concerts have been given by
the school during the year. The Christmas
Tree as usual was filled with stories of
remembrance for many

Bro. Sam^l Holbrook a member of the
society and a constant attendant on the
services in church died in November
aged 74 years

Mrs. Rufus B. Wright a member of the
Sewing Circle and attendant in the Society
died in Sept aged

Mrs. Ira Lee, also an attendant at church
died in Dec aged 78 years

and thus from year to year we find our
little band doleful, leaving their benediction
on earth, leaving those who are left in grief

by the select committee and it would then fall
and seal in efforts for the present and
true life.

The Committee on Charity have been
able to secure somewhat the weekly money
use through the contributions for that pur-
pose taken after service May 24th 1863
Nov. 22nd 1863

The attempt to fund the portion of
the debt is being agitated we trust - it
will be successful - as it seems
to be the only way to establish the work
on a firm basis.

J. Howe } Trustees
C. Lloyd }
W. H. Foster } Abolition Society

Reading Feb 22nd 1875

Date		Particulars	Amount
July 1	1881	Balance forward	100.00
July 2	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 3	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 4	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 5	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 6	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 7	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 8	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 9	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 10	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 11	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 12	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 13	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 14	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 15	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 16	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 17	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 18	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 19	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 20	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 21	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 22	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 23	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 24	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 25	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 26	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 27	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 28	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 29	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
July 30	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
Aug 1	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
Aug 2	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
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Sep 21	1881	Chas. L. Perkins	10.00
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The members of the "Liberation Union" were
kindly requested to meet at their headquarters on
Friday Evening Oct 27th 1871 at 8 o'clock to
act on the following articles &c.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator

Art 2^d To take into consideration the financial
condition of the Union and transact any
business relating thereto which may be
brought before it

Art 3^d To transact any other business which may
legally come before the Union

In Order of the Trustees

A Howes

W Proctor

G D Wright

H Perkins Clerk

Reading Oct 22nd 1873

The meeting called to order by the clerk
after reading the address G D Wright was
chosen Chairman. J D Standley collected
gave a statement of the financial condition
of the Union to date and also he read after
some remarks from Mr Peter Thomas and Wright
Mr Thomas read a letter from Rev E B Fiske
and gave his resignation which was not accepted.

When made by H. Parker that the Church
be required to add more but no good was said
with any one besides the

Told that the Trustees be instructed to make
such arrangements as they saw fit with the
Church.

It was unanimously voted that it is the earnest
desire of the "Christian Union" that the Rev.
Mr. Fitch should continue his services as pastor
and that the envelope plan be carried
into effect by the Collector and that the
plan be read from the pulpit.

A Committee of three were chosen
to consider a plan for the lectures and
to report at the next meeting. J. B. Gray,
J. B. Harkley and Miss E. Russell were
chosen on that Committee. A number of
plans were suggested for raising money
which will be carried into effect by
collectors. Adjourned until Friday, Dec
Nov 5.

H. Parker Clerk

Reading Oct 29th 1853
"Trinity Union Church"

When made by H. Parker that the Church
be required to add more but no good was said
with any one besides the
Told that the Trustees be instructed to make
such arrangements as they saw fit with the
Church.

H. Parker Clerk

Rules

The members of the "Christian Union" are hereby notified to meet at their church on Monday the Feb 28th 1876 to act on the following articles

- Art 1st To choose a chairman
- Art 2nd To hear the report of Trustees and act thereon
- Art 3rd To " " " " Treasurer " " "
- Art 4 To " " " " Collector " " "
- Art 5 To " " " " all committees " " "
- Art 6 To choose Clerk, Reader, Treasurer and Collector
- Art 7 To choose committees on Praying Hospitality Singing and Charity
- Art 8 To see if the Society will give their Officers or committee any instructions
- Art 9 To see what action the Society will take in relation to preaching the coming year
- Art 10 To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting

The order of Trustees

H. Harris
W. Hoole } Trustees
C. D. Wright

Volunteers, Clerk

Reading 20th 1876

Copy of the annual meeting for 1881
After reading the report by the clerk
A. Morris was chosen chairman
The Reports of Trustees, Treasurer and Collector
were accepted and adopted. There was no
report from the Committee on Singing, Hospitality,
Charity, and Visiting. It was voted that
the Committee on Singing be requested
to make a report at the next meeting. Charity
requested to make a report to the Trustees
and to have it go on record in the Trustees
annual report. The following Officers were
chosen for the coming year

W. P. Denton Clerk

A. Morris, W. P. Denton, and C. E. Wright, Trustees
J. Reed Treasurer. W. E. Stoddard, Collector
The Trustees were chosen as Singing Committee
Committee on Charity: W. E. Stoddard, M. E. White and
Mrs. H. H. H. Committee on Hospitality
W. P. Denton, C. E. Wright and Mrs. A. Morris
Committee on Visiting: Mrs. W. E. Stoddard
and Mrs. J. D. Dineen

* The Trustees were instructed not to exceed
\$10 per Sunday on an average for preaching
for the coming year.

Voted that the matter of setting the seats
the manner of collecting, Free Bells, the
arrangements for preaching be left entirely
to the Trustees.

Adjourned until Thursday Eve Mar 9th

W. P. Denton Clerk

* Mrs. J. C. Rogers, J. C. Rogers and W. E. Stoddard chosen
lecture committee for the coming year.

Christian Union Church

Nov 2nd 1882

Meeting called to order by the Chairman
Clerk read the records of the last meeting and
they were approved. Clerk read the report of
the singing Committee which was accepted.
Charity Committee made a verbal report.
Reconsidered the vote whereby the Trustees were chosen
Finance Committee and the following of them
were chosen on that committee - W. J. Smith
A. A. Howes and S. Sweetser. Voted that
the Treasurer, Collector and Janitor be a
committee to let the same to any persons
who wish as such prices as they are
to give.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to pay
to C. D. May the sum of \$25. so that the
Committee's contract with Mrs. Barker may
be fulfilled.

Adjourned sine die

H. J. Smith

Fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Christian Union

By a vote of the members of the Christian Union at its Annual Meeting Feb 22nd 1875 instructing the Trustees to see what arrangements could be made with Mr Fairchild to preach for the current year - He attended to the duty assigned them and reported at an adjourned meeting held Mar 8th 1875

The meeting then assembled, voted to leave the matter in the hands of the Trustees subsequently on conferring with Mr Fairchild and stating the condition of the Society, he made a deduction of two hundred dollars from salary of the previous year, with a stipulation that the salary \$800 eight hundred dollars should be paid promptly

The financial prospects of the Society then not over bright grew gradually dark - and up to October only one fourth of the \$800 had been paid in - it seemed to the Trustees necessary that the members of the Society should be in possession of the facts - therefore a meeting was called and held Oct. 29. 1875 to take into consideration the financial condition of the Society and adopt such measures as the exigency required - a goodly number were present and although a general feeling of depression was evident - caused by the fact that many were out of employment - some had moved away - others overtaken by financial misfortune - yet a resolute purpose was aroused to do what was possible to meet our obligations - a contribution started by Wm Proctor amounted to \$110

A Committee on Dramatic Entertainment and various suggestions of Private Residences to be opened for Concert Parties &c - up to the present time. The different Committees and the whole Society in fact - have labored earnestly to redeem their pledges and carry the Society through this the hardest year of its existence - and about (\$300) have been secured as the result of their labors - on conferring with Mr Fairchild by vote of the meeting just noticed he offered to preach the Remembrance of the ^{Church} Year for what we could raise - but the Trustees are of the unanimous opinion that nothing short of the whole amount will clear the Society from its obligation. They therefore recommend the continuance of the effort - now being made ^{to} pay if possible the amount pledged at the commencement of the year.

The annual rental of seats Mar 3^d resulted in a premium of \$200 making a total subscription of \$16 50 for the year - At the annual meeting in 1875 a deficit of \$500 reported was reduced by proceeds from Marion Party - held at the F. & H. Knight's House and one at Lyceum Hall and some collection to \$260 - which sum was hired of the Reading Savings Bank and remains unpaid.

The Ladies Sewing Circle paid \$11.2 towards the ^{last year's} note of \$260 The Society paid the balance. The whole obligation now being a mortgage of \$1000 held by the Boston five cent Savings Bank at 7 percent interest payable semi-annually June and December and note above mentioned of \$260 and the balance of Mr. Fairchild

Salary say \$462.38 The Music Committee
selected for the Quartette Miss Belle Dinwiddie
Soprano - Miss Fanny Miken alto - Charles F
Harnden Tenor - Henry Brown Bass
Miss Laura Dinwiddie Organist. The singing
has been very good and as usual the
congregation have united in singing one or
two Hymns at each service

Services as heretofore held only in the
afternoon, no evening services

The Sabbath School continues under
the same Officers as the previous year
and is in much the same condition
but C. D. Wright left - James Reid & Miss
Annie Appleton 2nd and 3rd -

Several sermons have been given the last
four arranged by Miss Appleton and
carried out with marked success
drawing full attendance

A Christmas Tree as heretofore notwithstanding
the hard times was well filled
to the delight of many a heart

Mr Charles Putnam a member of this
Society passed away after a lingering and
gradually wasting disease

Mrs Josiah A. Leburn previous to her sickness
a constant attendant (with her husband and
family) on the service of this church
also was called to part with the friends of
earth and Mrs Ezra Robinson very suddenly
was taken from her home on earth to
the unknown realm of the home of the
spirit - she also was interested in the
success of liberal ideas and a regular
attendant at this church

There have been some additions to the
numbers that attend service filling the
places made vacant by removal and
deaths - yet - there is room for more
and if some way could be pointed out -
whereby those that do not attend church
could be induced to take seats even at
a small tax or if not able to pay without
cost - then we feel that your exertions
to maintain the preaching of rational
Christianity and the diffusion of liberal
ideas would have a new stimulus, and
the church edifice built and sustained
by you in the name of Christ - would
be the means of spreading his spirit
and truth

For this end let us all labor and
pray in the love that never fails

Reading Feb 28th 1876

A. H. Howes }
W. Proctor } Trustees
P. H. Knight }

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James Reed Treasurer of Christian Union Society In

1875-6

Feb 27	To Amt-on Hand	396.20
"	Parker & Stone Rent to Feb 13 th 1875	58.75
"	Lehas & Rogers Collector	40.
Mar 1 st	" C C Cunningham Rent to Dec 1 st 1874	6.
" 3	" F W Smith " " " Mar 1875	5.
" 5	" Thomas Appleton " " " " "	5.
" 6	" A Howes Proceeds of Phantom Party	56.
" 8	" M H Garfield " " " in Hall	40.
" 16	" C G Rogers Collector ^{for} 1874	16.75
Apr 9	" Mrs H E Cox Dramatic April 1 st	50.
" 20	" Mr A Howes Fair goods sold	10.35
" 22	" " " " From Miss E Flint	4.
May 7	" Mrs L B Garfield May Party	36.
" 13	" A D Stordy Collector	44.
" 14	" Mrs S M Hall from bird toward note	12.
" "	" L B Garfield May Party additional	2.
" 31	" Parker & Stone Rent to May 19 th	58.75
June 2	" A D Stordy Collector	23.87
" 7	" " " " "	54.75
" 14	" " " " "	65.13
" 21	" " " " "	20.67
" 22	" " " " "	19.50
" 28	" " " " "	18.63
July 6	" " " " "	23.83
" 13	" " " " "	19.62
" 30	" " " " "	28.38
Aug 12	" " " " "	100.62
Sept 7	" " " " "	38.38
" 14	" Mrs S M Hall towards note	42.00
" 19	" Parker & Stone ^{rent} to Aug 19	58.75
Oct 1	" A D Stordy Collector	28.
" 5	" " " " "	23.59
" 9	" " " " "	33.13
" 13	" " " " "	42.96
Nov 5	" " " " "	37.09
		52.63

		Amount brought up	1609.33
Nov 19	To	Lehas H Robinson Entertainment at 6 D Wright	11.35
" 23	"	N D Stordley collector	36.91
Dec 1	"	" " " "	15.35
" "	"	A Howe's Entertainment	7.00
" "	"	" Sale of Picture	1.30
" 4	"	N D Stordley collector	6.67
" 6	"	" " " "	26.70
" 13	"	" " " "	44.43
" 15	"	Parker & Stone Rent to Nov 19.	58.75
" 14	"	N D Stordley collector	19.75
" 29	"	" " " "	29.37
" "	"	" " " Lectures	10.00
1876			34.98
Jan 3	"	" " " collector	13.92
" 18	"	" " " "	
Feb 7	"	L B Garfield Phantom Play at Home	18.25
" 10	"	N D Stordley collector	19.64
" 14	"	" " " "	29.77
" "	"	" " " Lectures	10.00
" 21	"	L B Garfield Phantom at Hall	42.75
" "	"	N D Stordley collector	32.52
" 22	"	" " " "	11.25
" 23	"	" " " "	18.78
" "	"	" " " "	41.37
" "	"	W ^m Proctor Amount of Subscription	110.00
26	"	Parker & Stone Rent to Feb 19.	58.75
" "	"	N D Stordley collector	29.88
" 28	"	" " " "	210.74
" "	"	Proceeds of Dramatic Jan 5 th 1876	17.00
			<u>2686.91</u>

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James Reed Treasurer in account with Christian Union for

1875-

Feb 27	By	Paid L M Dinsmore	75.00
" "	"	Belle P Dinsmore	50.00
" "	"	E B Fairchild	300.00
Mar 3	"	on Pierce Note	50.00
" 6	"	L M Perkins in full to Mar 1 st	25.00
" 9	"	L M Dinsmore " " "	25
" 9	"	Belle P Dinsmore " " "	25
" "	"	" " " for the Christian Union	3.50
" 22	"	E B Fairchild on 1/2 of Salary 1874	75.00
" 27	"	L E Harnden on Mar 1 st 1875	25.00
Apr 10	"	E B Fairchild on 1/2 Salary 1874	50
" 12	"	Gas from Mar 1 st to April 1 st 1875	8.10
May 4	"	" for Feb & Apr 1875	4.50
" 15	"	on Pierce Note	50
" 27	"	L E Harnden on 1/2	10
" "	"	E B Fairchild in full 1874	7
" 31	"	L H Robinson as Sexton	25
June 12	"	L W Coburn blowing to June 1 st	6.25
" 17	"	W Proctor to pay interest on loan	210
July 12	"	" " " " " " " "	82
" 24	"	" " " " " " " "	19
" 30	"	" " " " " " " "	29
Aug 12	"	E B Fairchild on 1/2 Salary	100.62
" 16	"	W Proctor Bal interest on loan	10
Sept 17	"	L H Robinson Sexton	25
" 18	"	Bal on Pierce Note	150
" "	"	interest " " " "	14.35
Oct 4	"	A W Danforth	1.00
" 6	"	Gas from May 1 st to Oct 1 st	7.65
" 12	"	Willie Proctor blowing to Sept 1 st	6.25
" 18	"	E B Fairchild on 1/2 Salary	112
" 25	"	Bancroft & Temple	16
Dec 6	"	Chas R Perkins insurance	114.75
" 15	"	Chas W Robinson Sexton	25

1875		Amount brought up	1736.97
Dec 15	Paid	Parker & Stone	1.26
" 16	"	Interest on loan	338
1876			
Jan 4	"	McClary for Wood	375-
" 7	"	William H Proctor blowing to Diet.	625-
Feb 10	"	Exp for 1875	24.28
" 23	"	Chas H Robinson in full	25.
" 24	"	H M Brown " "	50.
" 28	"	C C Hamden " "	40
" "	"	E B Fairchild	125-
			<u>2362.51</u>
		Cash on hand to Balance	<u>32440</u>
			<u><u>2686.91</u></u>

James Reed
Treasurer

Notice

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified to meet at their church on Monday Evening Feb 26th 1877 at 7 o'clock for their Annual Meeting, to act on the following articles viz

- Art 1st To choose a Chairman
- Art 2 " To read the Report of Trustees and act thereon
- Art 3 " " " " " Treasurer " " "
- Art 4 " " " " " Collector " " "
- Art 5 " " " Reports " All Committees " " "
- Art 6 " Choose Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer and Collector
- Art 7 " Choose Committee on Singing, Visiting, Charity and Hospitality
- Art 8 " See if the Society will give their Officers or Committees any instructions
- Art 9 " See what action the Society will take in relation to preaching the coming year
- Art 10 " See if the Society will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the First Organization of Liberal Christians in this town or what they will do in relation thereto
- Art 11 " Transact any other business that may legally come before ^{Annual} Meeting

During the annual meeting
at the William Smith School. The
meeting was called to order by the clerk
after reading the warrant to D. Wright
was chosen Chairman. A Quorum not
being present it was voted to lay the
warrant on the table and adjourn until
Monday Evening Dec 1st at 7 1/2 o'clock

H. P. P. P. P.

Adjourned meeting called to order by the
Chairman. Voted on motion of J. P. P.
to take the warrant from the table.
The Trustees not being prepared to make
their report it was voted that they make
a report and file it with the clerk.
The Treasurers report was accepted and
adopted.
The Collectors report was accepted and
adopted.
H. P. P. was chosen clerk and the following
Trustees were elected W. P. P., C. D. P.
and J. L. P. J. P. P. Treasurer. Trustees
visiting Committee elected were H. P. P.
C. P. P. and Mrs. A. D. P.
Committee on Hospitality W. P. P.
C. D. P. Mrs. L. P.
Committee on Library Mrs. H. & L. P.
Mrs. M. & White and S. P. P.
Singing Committee C. D. P. Fred P.
W. P. P. Committee instructed to do the very
best they could in regard to singing.
Voted to leave the whole matter of manag-
ing with the Trustees and also the
matter of celebrating the 50th Anniversary

The of the house is so much better than
that the the house be a better
to get up a house of business the way
you

H. P. Pender Clerk

March 5th 1877

Supplies furnished to the [unclear]

1876	1	to [unclear] - hand	1000	
	2	By Paid [unclear]		1000
	3	To [unclear]		
	4	By Paid [unclear]		1000
	5	By [unclear] & Temple		1000
	6	for [unclear]		1000
1877	1	to back of [unclear] [unclear]	1000	
	2	" " " "	1000	
	3	By Paid [unclear]		1000
	4	" " E B Fairchild for [unclear]		1000
	5	" " B & Temple		1000
	6	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	7	" " " "	1000	
	8	By Paid [unclear]		1000
	9	" " E B Fairchild for [unclear]		1000
	10	" " for Bill for [unclear]		1000
	11	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	12	" " " "	1000	
	13	" " " "	1000	
	14	" " " " Mrs E B Fairchild	1000	
	15	" " " " & House	1000	
	16	By Paid [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]		
	17	" " E B Fairchild 1876		
	18	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	19	By Paid E B Fairchild 1876		
	20	" " " " 1876		
	21	" " " " 1876		
	22	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	23	By Paid E B Fairchild 1876		
	24	" " " " 1876		
	25	" " " " 1876		
	26	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	27	By Paid E B Fairchild 1876		
	28	" " " " 1876		
	29	" " " " 1876		
	30	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	31	By Paid [unclear]		
	32	" " " " 1876		
	33	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	34	By Paid [unclear]		
	35	" " " " 1876		
	36	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	37	By Paid [unclear]		
	38	" " " " 1876		
	39	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	40	By Paid [unclear]		
	41	" " " " 1876		
	42	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	43	By Paid [unclear]		
	44	" " " " 1876		
	45	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	46	By Paid [unclear]		
	47	" " " " 1876		
	48	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	49	By Paid [unclear]		
	50	" " " " 1876		
	51	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	52	By Paid [unclear]		
	53	" " " " 1876		
	54	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	55	By Paid [unclear]		
	56	" " " " 1876		
	57	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	58	By Paid [unclear]		
	59	" " " " 1876		
	60	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	61	By Paid [unclear]		
	62	" " " " 1876		
	63	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	64	By Paid [unclear]		
	65	" " " " 1876		
	66	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	67	By Paid [unclear]		
	68	" " " " 1876		
	69	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	70	By Paid [unclear]		
	71	" " " " 1876		
	72	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	73	By Paid [unclear]		
	74	" " " " 1876		
	75	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	76	By Paid [unclear]		
	77	" " " " 1876		
	78	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	79	By Paid [unclear]		
	80	" " " " 1876		
	81	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	82	By Paid [unclear]		
	83	" " " " 1876		
	84	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	85	By Paid [unclear]		
	86	" " " " 1876		
	87	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	88	By Paid [unclear]		
	89	" " " " 1876		
	90	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	91	By Paid [unclear]		
	92	" " " " 1876		
	93	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	94	By Paid [unclear]		
	95	" " " " 1876		
	96	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	97	By Paid [unclear]		
	98	" " " " 1876		
	99	to back of [unclear]	1000	
	100	By Paid [unclear]		

Lafayette School Treasurer of Lafayette School		
86	To Cash of	125.00
Sept 14	By Paid to H. Fairchild 1884	
"	" " " " " "	
" 23	To Cash of J. D. Stodley	22.82
" 25	By Paid to H. Fairchild 1884	
Oct 2	" " " " " "	
" 6	To Cash of J. D. Stodley	7.00
" 7	By Paid to H. Fairchild 1884	
" 7	" " " " " "	
" 12	" " " " " "	
" 16	" " " " " "	
" 16	" " " " " "	
" 20	To Cash of J. D. Stodley	14.25
" 23	By Paid to H. Fairchild 1884	10.00
" 30	" " " " " "	10.00
"	" " " " " "	
" 31	To Cash of J. D. Stodley	14.17
Nov 6	By Paid to H. Fairchild 1884	10.00
" 14	" " " " " "	10.00
" 18	" " " " " "	10.00
" 19	To Cash of J. D. Stodley	25.11
" 20	By Paid to H. Fairchild 1884	10.00
"	" " " " " "	
" 27	To Cash of J. D. Stodley	11.25
"	By Paid to H. Fairchild 1884	10.00
Dec 1	" " " " " "	
" 4	" " " " " "	
"	To Cash of J. D. Stodley	10.00
" 6	By Paid to H. Fairchild 1884	10.00
" 11	" " " " " "	
" 20	" " " " " "	
" 27	" " " " " "	
" 30	To Cash of J. D. Stodley	20.51
" 31	" " " " " "	22.16
" 31	By Paid to H. Fairchild 1884	10.00
" 31	" " " " " "	
Balance		20.11
		1884

Report of J. R. Freeman of Treasurer of the Board

7

	Amounts brought up	42 48	1843 25
Jan 2	By Paid to E. B. Fairchild 1842		1000
" 2	" " L. O. Berry for Jan		100
" 3	" " E. B. Fairchild 1842		1000
" 4	" " Cash of J. D. Storley	50	
" 5	" " " " for Jan	100	
" 12	" " " " " "	52	
" 16	By Paid to E. B. Fairchild 1842		1000
" 20	To Cash of J. D. Storley	100	
" 24	By Paid to E. B. Fairchild 1842		1000
" 28	To Cash of J. D. Storley	100	
" 29	By Paid to E. B. Fairchild 1842		1000
" 30	To Cash of J. D. Storley	1000	
" 9	By Paid for Jan 1846		2000
" 10	" " " " " "		2000
" 11	" " " " " "		100
" 12	" " " " " "		1050
" 13	To Cash of J. D. Storley	100	
" 14	By Paid to Parker & Son 1845		358
" 15	" " " " " "		1000
" 16	To Cash of J. D. Storley	100	
" 17	" " " " " "		100
" 18	By Paid " " " " " "		258
" 19	" " " " " "		1000
" 20	To Cash of J. D. Storley	100	
" 21	" " " " " "		100
" 22	By Paid " " " " " "		258
" 23	" " " " " "		1000
" 24	To Cash of J. D. Storley	100	
" 25	" " " " " "		100
" 26	By Paid " " " " " "		258
" 27	" " " " " "		1000
" 28	To Cash of J. D. Storley	100	
" 29	" " " " " "		100
" 30	By Paid " " " " " "		258
" 31	" " " " " "		1000
" 1	To Cash of J. D. Storley	100	
		42 48	
		180540	180540

J. R. Freeman

J. R. Freeman

Agenda

The members of the Librarian Union are hereby notified to meet at their school on Monday evening Feb 28th 1877 at 8 o'clock for their annual meeting to act on the following articles:—

1st To choose a Librarian

2nd " To hear the report of Trustee and act thereon

3rd " " " " Treasurer " "

4th " " " " Collector " "

5th " " " " All Committees " "

6th " To choose a School Board of Trustees (same as last year)

7th " To choose a Library Committee — buying, binding, labeling and keeping

8th " To see if the Society will adopt a system for the sale of papers by which they can be sold at a uniform price

9th " To see what action the Society will take in relation to raising money for the ordinary expenses of the coming year

10th " To see what action the Society will take in relation to pushing the coming year

11th " To see if the Society will give the Officers or Committee any instructions for the coming year

to discuss any other business that may
legally come before said meeting

On Reading Trustees

H. Purton Clerk

Reading Feb 16th 1888

In accordance with the above warrant the
Christian Union met at their Church at
7 1/2 o'clock Monday Evening Feb 20th 1888
Gordon Article 1st L. S. Wright was chosen
Chairman.

It was voted to lay out 2nd on the table
under Article 3rd it was voted to accept and
adopt the Report of the Treasurer
Voted to lay out 4th on the table
Voted to take up Art 2nd under this article
Voted to accept and adopt the Report of the
Trustees

Under Art 5th the singing, ^{being} reported that the cost
of singing to the Society for the last year
has been \$15.87 for the Organist \$10.00 Organ
Boy \$10.00 Service 38¢ The singers have not
received any compensation for their services
The choir has consisted of H. F. Houlder, T. W.
L. Wright, Bess, Mrs. Miller & Misses Squam
Mrs. Walter Huber, Mrs. Lillian Hove and
Miss Emma Allen. The singing Committee
propose giving a concert for the benefit of
the Cadets of the Sea Committee a literary
and musical evening and for last year \$5.00
and \$1.00 - making a total amount of \$6.00

London Convention on 25th May 1851
J. C. May
Constitutional Committee 25th May 1851
C. R. Perkins H. C. Wadsworth A. B. Grant
Miss Helen Burdell Miss Emma Cox
Voted that the sale of pews in this church
take place Wednesday Mar 6th
Voted that the Society subscribe £25 towards
the benefit of the ladies of the choir the
past year Voted to adjourn until Dec 25th

Wentworth Club

Wentworth Club, New York

Meeting called to order by the Chairman
Voted to take up Int 4th The report of the
collector accepted

The following resolution was adopted and
the clerk instructed to send a copy to the
Rev & B Fairchild

Resolved That the Wentworth Club of Reading
realizing and appreciating the labors and
sacrifices in its behalf and for its welfare
of Rev & B Fairchild during a period
of over seven years hereby express to him
their warmest thanks and deep obligation
and the most earnest desire for his future
prosperity in whatever field he may see fit
to labor

Voted that the thanks of the Society be tendered
the Choir for their services the past year
Voted to adjourn until Wednesday Dec 25th

Wentworth
Club

Christian Union Church

April 15th 1877

In account of a program not being found
the meeting was adjourned until Friday April 19th

H. P. Renter

Secy

Christian Union Church

Tuesday Evening April 17th

The adjourned meeting called to order by the
Chairman After hearing a report by the
Treasurer of the condition of the church funds
which was in substance that the church
had a floating debt of about \$450, and
it was voted that the Trustees be
authorized to raise \$450 and pay all
the same Adjourned until April 19th

H. P. Renter Secy

Report of James Reid Treasurer of the
Christian Union Society for 1877

1877

Dr

Mar 2	To Cash on hand	44.15
" 5	" Mrs H & Co Dramatic	12.10
" "	" A D Stordley Collections	107.44
" "	" L B Garfield Fair and Festival	267.20
" 8	" " " " " "	80.75
" "	" A D Stordley Collections	25.00
" 14	" " " " " "	31.95
April 14	" Mrs S M Hall Linen	30.00
Aug 30	" Parker & Stone Store Rent	58.75
Dec 10	" " " " " "	58.75
	Amount carried over	736.89

1878	Amount brought up	736 09
Jan 24	To E F Robbins Pew Rent	10 00
Feb 25	" Parker & Stone Store Rent	58 75
"	" J C Gray from Lectures	7 77
"	" Wm. Peckham Collector	<u>1258 51</u>
		2071 12

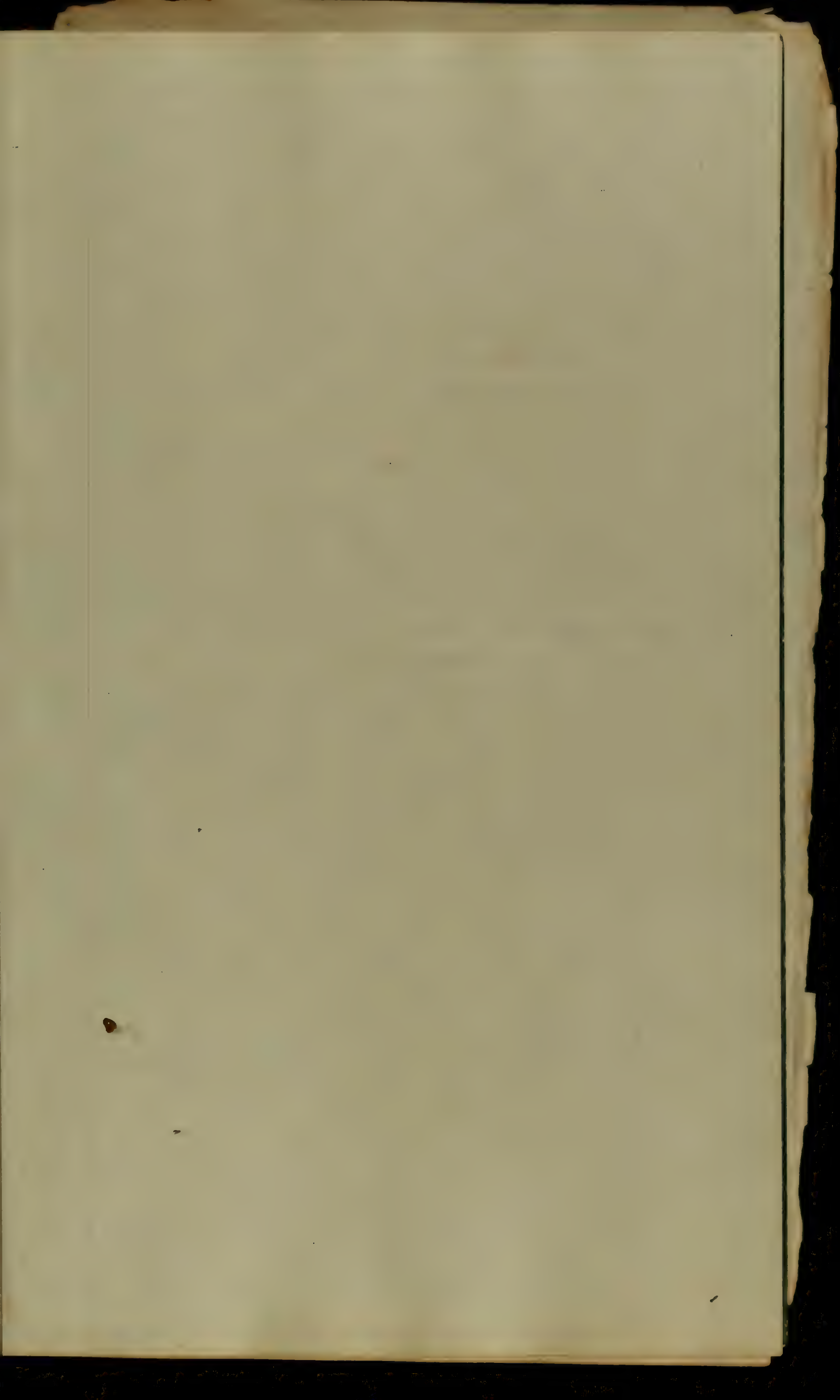
Or

By	Paid for Preaching	141 00
"	" Note at Bank	260 00
"	" Interest on Note	7 20
"	" " on Loan & Insurance	1404 84
"	" for Fuel	68 00
"	" Gas	59 45
"	" Janitor to Mar 1 st 1877	9 00
"	" Blowing Organ	13 00
"	" J A Blunt for Sundries	10 80
"	" H J Poole Singing	16 67
"	" C O Todd Meats	5 82
"	" Mrs H E Long Sundries	5 80
"	" Parker & Stone "	3 45
"	" F E De Jean repairing Furnace	4 55
"	" Expense of Lectures	56 00
"	" " Concert	4 50
"	" for Music	3 87
"	" " Alcohol	50
"	" " Tax Peckham	227
"	" Tax of 1877	20 40
"	" Cash on hand	<u>2430</u>

2071 12

Mar 1
1878

James Reed, Treas.



Christian Union Church

May 28. 1878

A meeting of the Society was held by the Trustees to consider and act upon a proposition to ordain Mr C W Hizer to the Ministry on this evening, but by some misunderstanding the Church was bound to have added a choir for a benefit entertainment to the meeting of the evening was adjourned until tomorrow evening May 28

At the next Church

Adjourned meeting of this Society was held to order by the Church and Mr Hizer was chosen Chairman the following resolution was offered and voted to accept and accept the same

Resolved that Messrs Edward Young of Reading Messrs W S Barnes of Woburn Richard Harteels of Winchester Pitt Dillingham of Boston W H Smith of do J A Clapp of Andover No. 6 B F French A R Wright of Woburn be invited to ordain Mr C W Hizer to the Ministry the ordination to take place at the Christian Union Church Reading Thursday June 6. 1878 at 7.45 o'clock

to D Wright S E Gleason James Reid Mrs H A C Cox, Miss Abbie Clapp as chosen Committee of Arrangements with full powers. Committee were instructed to invite the Pastors of the several churches in town and their congregations to attend

It was on motion of the Pastors that whenever the use of the Christian Union Church is applied for that it be not granted without the unanimous consent of the Trustees and

Let the union be maintained not to give
the church without a written order from
the Trustees otherwise

W. P. [unclear]
[unclear]

Reading May 27th 1878

Notice

The members of the Chautauque Union are hereby notified to meet at their church on Saturday Evening June 29th 1878 at 8 o'clock to act on the following subjects viz

- Art 1 To choose a chairman
- Art 2 To see what action the Society will take in relation to paying or replacing its mortgage debt or what shall be done in relation thereto
- Art 3 To see if the Society will adopt some denominational distinction or what shall be done in relation thereto
- Art 4 To see what the society will do relative to pulpit supply for the six months ending with Feb 1879
- Art 5 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting

On Order of the Trustees

Wm Proctor

V C Gray

C D Wright

Trustees

H. P. Perkins Clerk

Reading June 22nd 1878

Christian Union Church June 29th 1885

Under Art 1st L D Wright was chosen Chairman
Voted to lay Art 2nd on the Table

Under Art 3rd the following Resolution was
offered Resolved - That this society
hereby declares it self to be in sympathy
with the Unitarian Denomination

The vote in favor of its adoption was 18 to
1 opposed

On Motion of Mrs Harrington the Trustees
were instructed to notify the American
Unitarian Association of the action of the
Society

Under Art 4th Voted that the Trustees be
instructed to engage Rev L W Hemen for the
balance of the year, carried unanimously.

Under Art 3rd L D Wright and Wife were
chosen delegates to attend the National
Conference Mr Sperry and Miss Abby
Clapp delegates to meet with the
Executive Board of the South Widdow
Conference

Voted to take up Art 2nd Voted to
refer the whole matter of Art 2nd
to the Trustees. Voted to take up
Art 5th Voted to close the church
during August - Voted to adjourn
until the 1st Tuesday in Sept -

W. P. P. S.
Clerk

Notice

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified to meet at their church on Monday Evening Feb 24th 1879 at 7½ o'clock for their annual Meeting to act on the following articles viz

Art 1st To choose a Chairman

" 2nd " hear the report of the Trustees and act thereon

" 3rd " " " " " " Treasurer " " "

" 4th " " " " " " Collector " " "

" 5th " " " " " " all Committees " " "

" 6th " choose a Clerk Board of Trustees Treasurer and Collector

" 7th " " Committees on Singing Visiting Charity and Hospitality

" 8th " see what action if any the society will take in regard to approval of papers

" 9th " To see what action the society will take in relation to raising money for the ordinary expenses for the ensuing year

" 10th " To see what action the society will take in relation to preaching the coming year

" 11th " To see if the society will give their Officers or Committees any instruction for the coming year

Art 12 To transact any other business that may
legally come before said meeting

Per Order of the Trustees
William Foy
Nov 6 1877
James D Wright Trustee

H Prentiss Clerk

Reading Feb 17th 1879

In accordance with the above warrant the
Christian Union met at their Church
on Monday Evening Feb 24th at 7 1/2 o'clock
after the reading of the warrant under
Art 1st L D Wright was chosen Chairman
Voted to lay Art 2nd on the table, under
Art 3rd the Treasurers Report was accepted
and entered on the Records

Voted to pass over Art 4th under Art 5
the Reports of Committees on Singing and
Charity was accepted the Committee
on Visiting and Hospitality having no
report to make under Art 6th

H Prentiss was chosen Clerk
H Doctor J B Gray and L D Wright
were chosen Trustees

James Reed Treasurer ^{Collector} ~~Collector~~
Voted to take up Art 5th Report of
Subscription Committee accepted
Under Art 7th L D Wright Fred Handen
and Miss Belle P Dinwiddie were chosen
Singing Committee. Visiting Committee
Mr & Mrs L F Pinkham and Miss M E White

Charity Committee Mrs H E Cox J T Thacher
and Miss M E White

Hospitality Mrs D Brown Miss Anna Appleton
Miss M E White Mrs M Garfield

Subscription Committee Miss Garfield

Mrs H E Cox Miss Abby Clapp

Under Art 8th Voted that the Pew Rents
be collected monthly and that 60 Pews
be appraised at 12 and 18 dollars
and that the balance be appraised at
the discretion of the Trustees

Voted that the committee consisting of
E B Harrington L D Wright and Rev Mr
Heiser continue their efforts with the
American Unitarian Association in
soliciting assistance from them

Under Art 10th on motion of Mr L
Turner the Trustees were instructed
to secure the services of Rev L W. H. H. H.
for the coming year

Under Art 11th Voted that the Trustees
be instructed to confer with the Stone-
ham Trustees in regard to preaching

Voted that the collector be paid 5 per cent
on the amount of money collected

Under Art 12th Voted that the Trustees
be a committee to confer with the
committee of the other Societies in
relation to opening the church for the
Reform Club Prayer Meeting once in
six weeks and that they be instructed
to agree to any arrangement that may
be made. The thanks of the Society
were extended to Mr Dr Prouton for his
liberal donations and to J Blunt also
for his valuable services

and to the Ladies for their liberal assistance

pro . Voted that when we adjourn we adjourn until
three weeks from to night. voted that
we lay the warrant on the table
Voted to adjourn

H. Prentiss.

Report of J Reed Treasurer of Christian Union Society

Dr

Mar 1 st	To Cash on Hand	2430
"	" " from a Friend	500
"	" " " Mrs Garfield	425.00
"	" " " " F F Brown	20.00
"	" " " " H E Cox	25.00
"	" " " " Miss Abby Clapp	312.94
"	" " " Parker & Stone Store Rent	235.00
"	" " " C D Wright	24.67
"	" " " Rental of Pews in 1877-8	35.79
"	" " " " " 1878-9	704.64
	for	181434
	By Paid for Preaching	811.67
"	" " C H Cox for services as Janitor 77-8	25.00
"	" " J A Blunt " " " 78-9	26.00
"	" " S M Dinsmore on account as Organist	6.00
"	" " Printing	2.50
"	" " on account interest on loan	571.75
"	" " for Gas	36.75
"	" " " Blowing Organ	12.00
"	" " " Music	8.17
"	" " A B Hovey for services in choir	25.00
"	" " J R Barnes " " " "	5.00
"	" " Mrs McKen	25.00
"	" " F E Dejean for repairs on ^{Furnace}	6.75
"	" " T Littlefield for new funnel	5.00
"	" " L R Perkins for Insurance	71.24
"	" " B & Temple for Coal	10.00
"	" " H E Cox for Wood	2.75
"	" " Tax for 78-9	18.95
"	" " Cash on Hand	3581
		181434

Reading Mar 1st 1879 J Reed Treasurer

Christian Union Church
Mar 17th 1877

After waiting until after eight o'clock for a quorum the meeting was called to order by the clerk and James Reed was chosen Chairman pro tem no business was transacted of importance. Mrs J. C. Gray stated to the meeting that the Trustees had met the Trustees of the Haverham Society but could not make any arrangements with them in regard to preaching. Mr Reed made some statements in regard to the financial condition of the Society that are now included in his report. A motion of J. C. Gray voted to adjourn until April 14th.

H. P. Curtis Clerk

Christian Union Church
April 14th 1877

Adjourned meeting called to order by the Clerk Bro Harrington chosen Chairman pro tem only a small number present.

Voted that the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mrs. Hull for her kindness in furnishing the Relief Concert. Clerk instructed to send a copy of the vote of thanks. Voted that when we adjourn it be until June 11th and that the Treasurer be requested to give a report of the financial condition of the Society to General.

Adjourned

H. P. Curtis Clerk

Notice

The members of the "Christian Union" are hereby notified to meet at their Church on Friday July 25th at 8 o'clock to act on the following articles viz

Art 1st To choose a chairman

Art 2nd To see what action the Society will take in relation to paying its debt-

Art 3 To transact any business that may legally come before the Society

In Order of Trustees

William Preston
Ira C Gray Trustee
Carrol D Wright

H Prentiss Clerk

Reading July 18th 1877

In accordance with the above call the members of the Christian Union met at their Church in the absence of the Clerk W F Paul was chosen clerk "pro tem" and upon nomination E B Harrington was chosen Chairman under Art 2nd Col C D Wright made a statement of the financial condition of the Society and remarks were made by Bros Reed, Gray and others. evincing an unanimity of sentiment which found expression in the following series of Resolutions which were unanimously adopted by a vote of the Society

Whereas the Christian Union of Reading Mass.
is indebted to the Boston Fire & Marine Savings Bank
in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars
which sum is secured by mortgage on
the church property belonging to the Union
and

Whereas when said debt was incurred the
Union was in good financial condition and
intended to reduce said debt at least
one half within five years but since the
contraction of said debt - the Union has been
subjected to various reverses as follows

1st The Boston Fire by which it lost
several years premiums and was obliged
to reinsure

2nd By financial disaster coming to
several members of the Union

3rd By the removal from town of at
least one half a dozen families active
in the interest of the Union which had
contributed liberally towards its support

4th By the breaking of the Reading Savings
Bank last spring by which its members have
lost seriously from \$2000 each down
whereby their condition to support the Union
has been much impaired and

Whereas the Union has paid said
Boston Fire & Marine Savings Bank for
about eight years a liberal rate of interest
and with reasonable promptness. And has
paid all the current expenses beside
lifting a floating debt of nearly \$2500. and
now has no outstanding claims of any amount
against it. other than said Banks claim
and further desires to meet all future
obligations as religiously as it has in the
past therefore

Resolved — That the Trustees of this Union be and they are hereby instructed to make an agreement if possible with said Boston Fire and Marine Bank whereby said Union shall pledge itself to pay interest on said debt at the rate of four per cent per annum promptly in semi-annual payments for a period of three and one half years from December 1878 and at the end of said period to either reduce said debt materially or raise the rate of interest thereon as may be then agreed upon

Voted that when this meeting adjourn it be to Wednesday Evening next to hear the report of the Trustees of the result of their conference with the Bank Officers in relation to the proposition embodied in the above resolutions under Art-3^d it was voted that the Church be closed as usual during the month of August. after a brief consultation upon the general interests of the Union the meeting adjourned to Wednesday Evening July 30th

W. F. Paul Secy. Treas.
Christian Union Church
July 30th 1877

The Trustees not being able to make their report the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday Aug 6th.

H. Bunker Child

Christian Union Church
Aug 6th 1879

Met according to adjournment - The chairman called for a Report from the Trustees which was as follows. "The Boston Fire and Savings Bank make the following proposition They will reduce the rate of interest to 5 per cent provided that the Society will pay \$1000 on the principle and pay up the interest on the debt due June 16th and secure all the endorses possible on the Mortgage note"

Voted that the Society cannot accept their proposition but in lieu of that they will pay the back interest at once and will give a written ^{individual} guarantee for the payment of the interest in the future at 5 percent - Voted to adjourn until Friday Evening Aug 8th to hear the report of the Trustees on the above proposition

J. H. Denton Clerk

Christian Union Church
Aug 8th 1879

Meeting called to order by the chairman and the Trustees reported that the action of the Union of Aug 6th on the proposition of the Boston Fire and Savings Bank was submitted to the Officers of said Bank and they have received from them the following proposition - Interest on the loan to the Christian Union to be reduced to 5 per cent per annum semi-annually from June 16th last Individual members to guarantee prompt and regular payment of interest the interest due last June to be paid at once For the said

to be paid on the principle within
three months from date Aug 8th 1879
after some discussion it was voted to accept
the above proposition # voted to adjourn until
Wednesday Sept 10th 1879

H. P. Pringle Clerk

The Trustees were instructed to hire the amount of
money necessary to pay the interest and give
the note of the Society for the same

H. P. Pringle Clerk

Christian Union Church
Sept 10th 1879

Meeting called to order by the clerk. The
Chairman being absent L. D. Wright was chosen
Chairman. Voted on motion of B. P. D. no
seconded by W. H. L. Clapp that the Trustees
be authorized to borrow Five Hundred Dollars
on such terms as they can arrange in payment
of the demand of the Boston Five Cent Savings
Bank. Voted on motion of Miss Annie Affleck
that the Entertainment Committee be authorized
to get up a course of Entertainment for the
benefit of this Society. Voted that this
meeting be dissolved.

H. P. Pringle Clerk

The service of the Lords Supper was
established by this Society
Rev. W. H. Hudson Pastor

Notice

The members of the "Chautauque Union" are
sincerely notified to meet at their church on
Friday Evening Feb 1st 1880 at 7 o'clock for
their annual meeting to act on the following
articles viz:

Art 1 To choose a Chairman

" 2 To hear the Report of the Trustees and act thereon

" 3 " " " " " " Treasurer " " " "

" 4 " " " " " " Collector " " " "

" 5 " " " " " " all Committees " " " "

" 6 To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer and
Collector

" 7 To choose Committees on Singing, Visiting, Charity
and Hospitality

" 8 To see what action the Society will take in
relation to the appraisal of pews

" 9 To see what action the Society will take in
relation to raising money for the ordinary
expenses for the ensuing year

" 10 To see what action the Society will take
in relation to preaching the ensuing year

" 11 To see if the Society will give their Officers
or Committees any instruction for the
coming year

Art 12 - Transact any other business that may
legally come before said meeting

In Order of Trustees
of the
Christian Union Church
Carroll D. Wright

H. P. P. Clerk

Reading Feb 16th 1880

Christian Union Church
Feb 23rd 1880

After the reading of the above warrant
by C. D. Wright the meeting was adjourned
by vote of 14 Ayes on account of no
quorum being present until Tuesday
Evening Feb 24th

H. P. P. Clerk

Christian Union Church
Feb 24 1880

After calling the meeting by the calling
by the Clerk Article 1st of the Bylaws was
chosen Chairman Voted to lay Article
2nd 3rd and 4th on the table and
Article 5th Resolved that the
treasurer report on the balance
brought over from last year \$11.11 collected
\$9.08 paid out \$2.00 leaving a balance
of \$7.11 Report was accepted and adopted
The Special Committee chosen by the Society
to confer with the American Unitarian

Annoyed at that they had intended to have done so and that by the same means as was used last year. The report was accepted and voted to take up Article 4th. Collected Report was accepted on motion of Mr. Brown under Article 6th. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year
President Charles H. Smith Vice Pres C D Wright Trustees Miss Abby C. Coffey Treasurer C L Rogers Collector Mrs. J. A. Carter
The following Committee chosen on Thursday
Singing Committee Miss Annie Appleton Miss E. Wright Belle P. Dinwiddie and Miss M. C. Cox
Chautau Committee Mrs. H. E. Cox St. Secretary Mrs. M. E. White
Committee on Hospitality Mrs. Dr. Brown Mrs. Anna Appleton Mrs. M. E. White Mrs. Moses Garfield
Subscription Committee Mrs. Abby C. Coffey Mrs. H. E. Cox Mrs. Moses Garfield
Voted under Art 8th That the Trustees make the same appraisal of the sum the same as last year.
Voted to pass on Article 9th. Under Art 10th Voted that the Trustees be authorized to confer with Rev. C. W. Haven and see if his services can be secured for another year on the same terms as last year.
and voted at a subsequent meeting Voted to pass over Article 11th. Voted to take up Article 10th. Under this article it was unanimously voted that the

justices be empowered to secure the
service of Rev G W Heizer provided that
they can be secured on the same terms
as last year under Article 12th on
motion of J. C. Gray it was voted that when
we adjourn it be until next Monday ^{evening} March 1st
adjourned

H. P. Puntier
Clerk

Christian Union Church
Monday Evening March 1st 1880

Adjourned Meeting called to order by the
Chairman. On motion of J. C. Gray the following
Resolution was unanimously adopted
Resolved. That the thanks of the Society
be returned to Mr James Peiel for his
long devoted and gratuitous services as
its Treasurer. and that the Treasurer of the
Society be authorized to pay him One
Hundred and Twenty five (\$125.) as a
slight compensation for his past services.
Voted that a committee of three consisting
of L. D. Wright, H. G. Wadlin and
J. W. F. Paul be chosen to represent the
Society in a general committee to get
up the evening of Union Entertainment.
Voted that the thanks of this Society
be given J. A. Blunt for his efficient
services as janitor. Voted that this
meeting be dissolved.

H. P. Puntier
Clerk

Refd of James Reid
Locally—

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5	Cash on Hand Mar 1 st 1879	33.81
"	" of Miss Abby Holapp	458.33
"	" " F. E. Appleton Collector	571.60
"	" from Pub Rents for 1879/80 collected by Treasurer since resignation of Collector	204.37
"	" from Pub Rents for 1879/80	81.87
"	" Subscriptions	22.50
"	" Donations	128.00
"	" Liberal Ladies Benevolent Assn	210.25
"	" Rent of Store	176.25
"	" Loans	1117.12
"	" from Mrs Isabel Rent of Church	5.00

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By	Paul Rev C W Houser	8666
"	" " E P Fair held	2.00
"	" " L M Dunsmore Organist	6.00
"	" " L M Bee, Blowing Organ	12.00
"	" " Same tuning & redusting "	16.10
"	" " Bancroft & Temple for coal	20.00
"	" " J B Gleason " "	16.00
"	" " H E Cox " Wood	2.50
"	" " Gas bill to Mar 1 st 1880	45.15
"	" " for Repairs	52.57
"	" " Printing	1.50
"	" " Expenses for Conference	4.30
"	" " Interest on Loan	600.00
"	" " on Loan	575.00
"	" " Locusts & other discounted	2.00
"	" " Insurance	67.48
"	" " W Proctor on account	106.75
"	" " F E Appleton 5¢ each on collection	28.58
"	" " J A Blunt for services as janitor	22.00
"	" " Tax for 1879/80	14.12
"	" " Cash to hand Mar 1 st 1880	2213 308010

ending Mar 1st 1880

James Paul Turner

Christian Union Church Feb 28. 1881

After reading the notice calling the meeting of the Christian Union Society C. D. Wright was chosen Chairman and A. J. and A. J. 2^d. The Trustees reported that they had no matter to report to make. The Treasurers report was accepted and voted to spend the same on the records. Collector reported \$18.00 on rent and \$3.00 due voted to accept his report. All the other committees made verbal reports which were accepted. The Charity Committee herein on read the same amount of money as last year \$200 not having any calls for help during the past year. W. D. Dutton was unanimously elected Clerk but declined serving another year. H. T. Paul was chosen in his place. Wm. Foster S. G. Fox and E. B. Hannington were chosen Trustees. G. S. Rogers Collector and Miss Abby C. Clogg Treasurer.

The following Committee were chosen for the coming year. Singing Committee C. D. Wright, Belle P. Denmore and Mrs. H. E. C. Reading Committee Mrs. Henry E. Robinson, Miss Anna C. Clogg, Mrs. H. E. C. Charity Committee Mrs. H. E. C. and Dr. J. Dutton, Miss Mary E. White.

Hospitality Committee Mrs. Dr. Horn, Mrs. Anna C. Clogg, Miss M. E. White, Mrs. M. B. Garfield. Voted to continue the subscription Committee through the year consisting of Miss Abby Clogg, Mrs. H. E. C. and Mrs. Oliver Garfield.

Voted to appraise the Pews at \$4.00 a seat, reserving the 20 corner Pews without appraisal to be let at the discretion of the Trustees. Voted that the Trustees be instructed to secure the services of Mr. Heizer for the coming year at the same salary as last

year voted that saying committee be instructed
 to request Miss Fells' Dunsinon to have the
 seats with aisle or entrance as plain as
 possible for her to do so
 Voted that the sale of Pew take place
 Tuesday March 18th
 Adjourned sine die

M. Puntis

Clerk

Treasurer's report from Mar 1st 1880 to Mar 1/81.

Rec^d from various sources \$1971.94
 Spent for general expenses \$1771.23
 \$200.71
 Paid on debt of Church 200.
 On hand for New Year 71

Paid out for
 Minister's Salary 800.00
 Organist 2 years 70.
 Taxes 15.44
 Printing Music & Repairs 8 63
 Coal 39.00
 Furnace Repairs 16.58
 Board & expense at meetings 10.
 Gas 28.70
 Bell boy 12.
 Insurance 3 years 135.
 Interest on Loan 500.
 Gift to Col Wright last year 50.
 Concrete 57.
 Mr Rogers 28.83
 1771.23

1861

A meeting of the Christian Union Society, was held
in the Church this morning, in accordance with the
following

Notice.

The members of the Christian Union Society are hereby
notified to meet at the Church this morning at 10 o'clock
for the purpose of transacting business.

Article 1. of the Constitution.

Article 1. of the Constitution, and the
action of the Society on the 11th inst. and the
minutes of the previous meeting.

Article 2. of the Constitution, and the
proceedings of the Society.

Wm. B. Clark

Minutes of the 1st. of January 1861. The
Society met at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of
transacting business, and the following
business was transacted: The minutes of the
previous meeting were read and approved.
The following resolutions were adopted:
Resolved, That the Society do hereby
express their sympathy for the
cause of the oppressed, and do hereby
pledge themselves to do all in their
power to bring about the
abolition of slavery in this country.
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cause of the oppressed, and do hereby
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cause of the oppressed, and do hereby
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power to bring about the
abolition of slavery in this country.

18th Nov 1844 - Monday - 28th Nov

At the Christian Union Hall on Nov 28th
an adjourned meeting of the B.C.U. Society
of the regular afternoon service. At 7 o'clock
the meeting commenced. A hymn was sung
and a full expression of sentiment with relation
to the subject of the day. The Rev. Mr. [Name]
then read the minutes of the last meeting, then of any
business called business meeting. It was then
proposed to call the roll of the members of the
society. In anticipation of definite action at the
adjourned meeting Nov 26th. An informal
motion frequently taken those favoring the adoption
of the resolution voting "Yes" those not in favor
voting "No". The result of the vote
was 59 votes. as follows. Yes 110 No 12 Blank 3-59.

Christian Union Hall 28th Nov 1844.
Adjourned meeting of the B.C.U. Society
at 7 o'clock by the Chairman. At 7.30
Article 2 of the warrant was taken up and the
minutes made some personal remarks with regard
to rumors in circulation concerning some of the
members of the Society in his absence during the summer
vacation, & correcting some false impressions that
prevailed in relation thereto. On motion
Resolved That to call upon the members of the
Society to be present at the meeting of the
Society on Nov 26th. The Society then adjourned.
Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
At the meeting of the Christian Union Society.

These are the people who have been in the
 country since the war and who have
 not been in the country since the war and
 have not been in the country since the war
 1861

Wm. H. Jones
 J. H. Jones
 J. H. Jones
 J. H. Jones

Letters were prepared distributed & collected, and
 being distributed through the following result.

Letters of accepting the resignation. 19
 Copies to - 21.
 Oct. 3.

At the meeting held it was
 decided, that the supply of the people, given
 in the month of this year after Nov. 1st, will be
 the result.

That, that when the meeting adjourn, it be to
 meet on the morning of the 1st of November
 next.

It was then moved that the committee be authorized to supply
 a sum of \$50, which will be required in December.
 This will be in consideration at next meeting.

Adjourn.
 W. H. Jones

Meeting was called together according to the
constitution. The 2nd object of the Association
+ statement was read by the Treasurer and
and then on the finances. Showing a deficiency
of \$100.00. It was then
was voted, to raise by collection on Sun-
day, & otherwise the sum of \$100. to cover such
deficiency.

On Motion of Mr. Fry. It was Voted, that the sum
of Twenty five Dollars be appropriated for the Association,
and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

On motion of Mr. Harley Prentiss. the subject of Sunday
Evening lectures & Concerts was discussed, but was not gen-
erally favored, and the motion that a committee be
appointed to carry out such a programme, on being put,
did not prevail.

Voted to adjourn

W. F. Paul, Clerk

Reading February 27. 1882.

The regular annual meeting of the Christian Union Society was held in their church this evening in accordance with the following.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the Christian Union Society will be held at their Church Monday evening Feb 27. 1882 & act on the following articles, viz.

Art 1. To choose a chairman

" 2 To hear the report of the Trustees, & act thereon.

" 3 To hear the report of the Treasurer and act thereon.

" 4 To hear the report of the Collector and act thereon.

" 5 To hear the report of all Committees and act thereon.

" 6 To choose Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and Collector for the ensuing year.

Art 7. To choose Committees on Singing Visiting Charities & Hospitality.

" 8 To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal & renting of pews

" 9 To see what action the Society will take in relation to preaching the coming year.

" 10 To see if the Society will give their officers or committees any instructions for the coming year.

" 11 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Reading
Feb 19/82

Per order Trustees
J. B. Gray
213 Harrington
J. M. Proctor

W. F. Paul
Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by the Clerk.
Col. Carroll D. Wright was nominated & elected Chairman.

The various reports called for under Articles 2, 3, & 4
were severally accepted & adopted. It was

Voted, that the Clerk send letters of recognition, & expression
of thanks, of the Society to the several churches, for their
liberal contributions, to be applied to the reduction of the
debt of the Society.

Reports of Committees under Art. 5 were passed over.

Under Art 6. W. F. Paul was chosen Clerk, & commended
the faithful performance of his duties.

Trustees Elected Wm. Proctor

E. B. Harrington

Ira C. Gray.

Treasurer Elected, Miss Abby C. Clapp.

Collector Elected Charles G. Rogers.

Singing Committee Elected, Carroll D. Wright

Fred. Hamden

Miss Belle Edmonson.

Committees on Visiting Charities & Hospitality Continued
as heretofore.

It was moved, and

Voted that Articles 8, 9 & 10 be laid upon the table.

Art. 11 was taken up, & it was

Voted, that the Janitor be paid the sum of \$55.
for his services the past year.

On motion, a vote of thanks was passed in favor
of Mr Gray who has shown so much interest & with
such good success in providing able preachers while we
have been without a settled pastor. It was further
Voted to place the Church at the disposal of Mr. Bond
on the evening of March 8th for a lecture upon the
"Indians", amongst whom he had spent much of his
time of late, & that the Trustees make suitable ar-
rangements for heating lighting &c.

Voted to increase the amount already appropriated to
\$30. and constitute Col. C. D. Wright a life member of the
Am. Antislavery Association. Art. 12 was taken from the table
and it was Voted that when we adjourn it be until 2 weeks

from this evening in this church.

Art. 7 taken from the table. It was moved by
C. A. Harrison, ^{that} ~~that~~ Rev. E. P. Lombard be called
to be pastor of our church & society, and that the
trustees be authorized to supply the pulpit until
his decision is rendered. Voted to adjourn.

W. F. Paul Clerk.

March 1st

In accordance with above vote of the Society the
Clerk conveyed to the Rev. E. P. Lombard the action
of the society with the expression of their desire
that he might be induced to consider it favorable,
but his reply announced that he must decline
the honor of the invitation. (For correspondence see files.)

March 13.

The adjourned meeting was called to order by the
Chairman C. D. Wright. Art. 7 was taken up
and it was Voted that the Trustees be authorized to
supply the pulpit until further notice, engaging
as much as practicable Messrs. Collier, Williams,
& Staples.

Art 8. was taken up & it was Voted that the pews
be rented by public Sale as usual, on next
Monday evening Mar 20, & that notice be given of
the same by poster, publication in the Chronicle
& by circular to individual pewholders

Art 10. was passed over.

Art 11. It was voted that Messrs Hall Rich
Barrows & Gilson become members of the Society
Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

W. F. Paul Clerk.

Treasurer's Report - Year ending March 1st 1882.

Received		Paid	
For Rents	\$931.35	Mr. Heizers Salary	533.32
Collections	63.50	Other ministers	226.00
Store Rent	235.00	Organist	17.50
A. U. a	187.00	Gas	6.65
Festival	39.53	Blow Boy	11.00
Expenses	54.16	Percent to Mr. Rogers	41.00
Sundry small items	10.05	Taxes	18.88
	1521.09	Interest on debt	488.00
Transferred Debt	\$931.25	Music	4.50
	2460.34	Repairs	37.27
		Wood	3.00
		Sundry small articles	15.08
		Repairs on stove	58.75
		" " furnace	11.48
		Mourning	8.75
		Coal	37.38
			\$1518.56
		Paid upon debt	400
			2418.56
		On hand	41.78
			\$2460.34

Collectors Report

Reading Feb 27. 1882
Christian Union Society.

Collected	863.93
Uncollected	65.69
Cash on hand	1.10

Shirley S. Rogers, Collector.

Statement by the Trustees.

The past year has been an eventful one for the Christian Union Society: especially in a financial point of view.

From the Treasurers accounts we find that the debt of the Society has been reduced nine hundred dollars and one thousand dollars pledged over and above this amount. This amount has been raised, as follows - namely.

From Society at Framingham	\$100.00
do do do Dorchester	55.00
" " " Watertown	55.00
Cambridge	20.00
Concord	50.00
Conville	22.00
L. L. B. of Reading	200.00
From the Gleams of this Society	50.
" " " " " " }	
Solicited by Contributions	387.25
	<u>\$939.25</u>

1881. June 16 Paid \$500

" Dec 16 " 409

Bal on hand -

900.
\$39.25

The Trustees cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing their thanks & gratitude to each of the above Societies and to each of the many ladies and gentlemen who have so liberally contributed towards relieving this Society from its burden of debt. We refer with pleasure to the efforts of our Treasurer (Miss Abby C. Lapp) whose activity has been unceasing to lighten our burden, which has weighed so heavily upon us since our church was completed, and the results of which are so gratifying to us all. From the Treasurers book we find the receipts and Expenditures have been as follows.

Supplies of Pulpit	\$ 762.00
Organist & boy	40.00
Interest	488.00
Repairs on stove	80.00
For Collector	50.00
" Taxes	18.88
" Gas	6.65
" Coal	37.38
" Incidentals	15.00
" Repairs on Church	8.00
" A. M. A	2.50
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	\$ 1530.29

Receipts	\$ 1580.53
Expenditures	1530.29
Bal	\$ 50.24

Rev Mr Heizer who has been the pastor of this
 Society for the past three years or more, sent
 in his resignation Sept 4th / 81. to take effect
 Nov 1st. for reasons stated therein, and was
 accepted at a special meeting of the Society held
 Sept 26th. At that meeting your Trustees were in-
 structed to supply the pulpit for the balance of
 the Year. We started with the plan of selecting
 one or two persons to supply our pulpit, with a
 view to a settlement if acceptable to the Society, as
 it was thought best for the interest of the Society to
 have a settled pastor, as soon as practicable, and we
 have also had in view the importance of keeping
 our Society strongly united. The experience of most
 all Societies in the past has been that too many
 candidates for the pulpit, has a tendency to make
 the choice more difficult. We presented one person
 (Rev C. P. Lombard) for your choice, and recom-
 mended him for your five Sundays. We
 have all the best information that we could obtain

from reliable quarters, was the best adapted to the
work of this Society of any available person we could
find. There were many reasons which would have
made his services especially valuable.

His experience of three years over another Society,
his high moral and religious character, his
reputation as a zealous worker in the "Liberal
Church," had given us a strong hope that we had
found for you a pastor that all could unite
upon. But when we called the Society together
Dec. 25. we found you not quite ready.

Since then you have given him an informal call.
But we fear rather late, as another Society are
giving him a hearing with a view to a settle-
ment. We would urge strongly the importance
of settling a pastor, as soon as practicable, or if
the Society cannot unite upon a pastor we would
recommend you to select some one person who
will supply the pulpit for a definite time.

Death has taken from our number the
last year, Mrs. Adia B. Pierce (formerly Miss Adia
P. Thomas) and Mrs. Helen Nichols.

Our thanks are especially due to our choir who
have added very much to our devotional ex-
ercises, the past year, and their efforts have apparently
been well appreciated by the Society, and they are
entitled to great praise for their successful en-
deavors.

Mr. Rogers who has had the care and respon-
sibility of the Church for the past year, is entitled to our
warmest thanks for his faithful services, which have
been so pleasantly performed, and so acceptable to
the Society.

The exterior of our building has been improved and
beautified, and the surroundings made attractive
by generous friends who are always ready and willing
to give us a helping hand, and they deserve our most
sincere thanks.

Reading August 25: 1872

According to notice duly given a meeting
of the Christian Union, was held at the
in the evening for the purpose of the
first of supper, and also for the business
that might properly come before the meeting.
The meeting was called to order by Mr. H. Prentiss
Chairman of meeting.

Mr. H. Prentiss was chosen Chairman.

In the absence of the Clerk, Mr. Harley Prentiss
was chosen Clerk, Pro. tem.

Vote

On motion of Mr. H. Prentiss it was unanimously
that the Trustees be instructed to attend a meeting
to Mr. Charles J. Prentiss to become President of
the Society.

On motion of Mr. Wm. C. Gray, the Trustees were
instructed to present the case for the next
quarter of in advance.

On motion of Mr. Prentiss, the Trustees were
instructed to appoint delegates to attend the
annual Convention.

On motion of Mr. Gray it was
that when the meeting adjourns it be for
one week, viz. September 1st.

Vote

So adjourned.

Signed, H. Prentiss

Clerk, Pro. tem.

Reading Monday evening Sept 4. 1882

A meeting of the Christian Church (Presbyterian) was held at the Church the evening of Sept 4. 1882. Mr. A. N. Homes was chosen Moderator - called the meeting to order at eight o'clock

Mr. A. N. Homes being absent Mr. A. N. Homes was chosen Clerk Pro. tem.

Mr. Edward Harrington for the Trustees of the Church reported action on the vote to call Rev. Mr. Staples to the pastorate of the following letter, which had been presented to the Trustees by the Church.

Reading Sept 2. 1882

Mr. Chas. J. Staples

Dr. Sir. At a legally called meeting held in the Christian Church last evening it was voted "That the Trustees be instructed to write to you (Chas. J. Staples) to become our pastor" The vote was unanimous

In accordance with this vote, the Trustees hereby extend to you a call to become the pastor of the Ch. C. Society of Reading, with the hope that you will give the same your favorable consideration

The meeting adjourned for one week and a reply should be received from you.

Yours truly E. B. Harrington,

For the Trustees.

This report of the Trustees was accepted without dissent. A committee consisting of Messrs E. D. Wright & A. C. Jones and Misses Belle Dinwiddie & Abby C. Clapp, was chosen to confer with Mr. Staples to arrange the services of ordination. This committee was granted full power to add to its body such numbers as it desired. At 8.30 P.M. the meeting adjourned sine die.

Signed A. N. Homes

Clerk Pro. tem

Copy of acceptance by Rev. Mr. Staples
of formal call of Christian Union Society.

Lexington Sept 1. 1852

To the Trustees of the Christian Union Society
Reading Mass
Dear Sirs.

I have received the invitation
you extend me to become your pastor of the
Church of society at Reading. I accept
this call willingly & hopefully, willingly
because I am ready to enter upon the most
of the ministry. hopefully, because I believe
you to be in earnest, and to desire heartily.
the little I can at present give you. I
pledge myself, therefore, to be your servant
to give to you the best of which I am capable.
True Consecration, faithful labor, high purpose.
I pledge myself to serve you, with a mind
single toward the truth as it comes to me.
and with a heart open to recognize all the
divine sincerity, love and holiness that may
and do dwell in human life.
The responsibilities of this step are heavy without
me aid, I can do nothing. With it I shall be
strengthened beyond myself. From you I can
expect forbearance with the mistakes of inex-
perience and the failures of youth.
Heartily I join with you then in the work and
opportunities of a Christian Church the highest work
and most opportunitiy I believe the world af-
ford, in the worship of God, the service of man,
and the love of one another.
We join hands, I trust, in one spirit under the ex-
ample of one Master believing in the one God. Halting
on us all. May the thought of his constant presence
be ever with us to restrain, uphold, inspire, coming

to purgation of all that is in the heart, and to
and to be closely and more closely in love
and kindly as before. This, our dear children.

I propose the day of ordination the
4th or 11th of October according to the choice
of those who are to take part in the services.
The Sunday following the ordination, I shall
occupy the pulpit for the first time as pastor.

Truly Yours

(S. J. Staples.)

(Copy of preliminary correspondence.)

Note to Mr Staples accompanying
formal call by Trustees.

Boston August 29. 1882

Mr Chas. J. Staples

My dear Sir. I was in the midst of
the meeting held last evening in the Church.
The Trustees informed the meeting exactly what your
views were, as expressed to them, when they met
you at the Ch. Un. Rooms. There were about 40
bears represented, and the vote was unanimous
all voting. It is understood that the salary is
established for the present year at the rate of
\$1000. - the general year ends Feb 28/83. At that
time our annual meeting takes place, when
the salary &c. is voted for the coming year.
We hope then to see our way clear to increase
the amount of the salary. We voted last night
to have the expense of paying the person paid quar-
terly in advance. So as to enable us to meet our
liabilities when due. I think arrangements
will be made so that the salary of our pastor
will be paid in full. Mr Gray or myself
will be happy to give you any further information
you may want.

Signed Yours truly

C. J. Huntington.

For other correspondence. see file.

Reading October 11. 1883.

Following is the report of the Scribe & ordaining
Council called for the installation of Charles
J. Staples, viz

Church Cambridge	Dr Everett	
1st Church Dorchester	One delegate	
Lexington	"	"
Norton Centre	"	"
Sturtevant	"	"
Winchester	"	"
Revere	2	"
King's Chapel Boston	1	"
Woburn	2	"
Hingham	"	"
Malden	"	"
Mendon	"	"
Reponset.	1	"

Reading Oct. 11/83.

At the meeting of the Council called together to
ordain & install Mr Charles J. Staples as
Pastor of the Christian Union Church, Reading.
The Rev. Ruf. P. Stebbins was chosen Moderator
and the Rev H. Price Collier Scribe.

The Moderator called the Council together and in-
voked the divine blessing and assistance in its
proceedings.

The first business was the roll-call of the churches
invited to be represented at the Council.

Twelve churches had been invited and twelve
churches were represented by Pastor & delegate
or by delegate or Pastor alone.

The correspondence between the Society and the
Candidate was then called for. The records of
the correspondence were before at that time.

C. D. Wright made a statement for the Society,
which was accepted in full of the records.

The candidate was asked to offer any credentials

he might see fit, and produced for examination
College & District School degrees, and made the
statement that he had been a member of the
Church of Rev. Dr. Staples in Providence, and in
regular standing.

The Candidate was then reminded, by the Mod-
erator, that, it is not necessary, nor always, cus-
toman, and sometimes with regard to his belief
or purpose, would be gladly received by the
Council.

The Candidate then read a short Summary of
his belief in regard to Religion, Christianity, Ethics,
Jesus, Unitarianism, Miracles, & Immortality.
Opportunity was then given any member of the Council
to question the Candidate. There being no questions,
the Council proceeded to the approval of the order
of Service for the Ordination as presented, and to the
election of the Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, to give the
Right Hand of Fellowship to the Candidate in behalf
of the Churches.

It was then voted, to proceed to the Ordination &
Installation of the Candidate.

Signed, Rufus P. Stebbins, Moderator.

H. Price Collier, Scribe.

Exercises of Ordination were held in the Church
on the evening of Wednesday October 11th 1885 -
as per printed programme on file.

W. T. Paul, Clerk.

Copy of correspondence relative to
Subject matter of the following Circular
received from Committee of South Middlesex
Conference 1881.

October 13. 1882

At the last meeting of the South Middlesex
Conference held at Lexington, the undersigned
were appointed a committee to ascertain from our
parishes, whether any clerical assistance, in the pay-
ment of their debts, that the Conference may here-
after take systematic measures in aid of them.

George S. Littlefield Manchester
Rev. Edward H. Hall Cambridge
" Henry H. Barbeal. Cornville.
John C. Park. Newton.
E. R. Hoar Concord.

Reading Oct 20/82

George S. Littlefield Esq.

Committee of the South Middlesex Conference
Dear Sir.

I have received the
Circular to which your name is signed as one
of the Committee, requesting the information as to whether
our Society requires assistance in the payment of
our debt. I therefore state in reply that our church is,
or rather was burdened with a debt of \$10,000 and for
some time we have had to ask assistance from our
friends to enable us to meet our liabilities, and
supply our pulpit. Within two years we have made
extra exertions to elicit offerings from the parish,
and there has been \$2,000 subscribed \$1,000 of which
has been collected and endorsed upon the mortgage.
The other \$1,000 we hope to collect during coming year.
We have lately installed Mr. C. J. Staples as our
minister and I hope under his ministrations that
our Society will grow in numbers as he has given

great satisfaction to all who have heard him
preach.

Should we reduce our debt to \$5,000, I am
confident we could run it & pay our current
expenses. The extra \$200 or 300 interest is the strain
that made the Council sick. Relieved of this, we
could stand upright, and feel comparatively
strong. Signed, Wm. H. Harrison.

E. B. Harrison

For the Free Christian Union Society.

(Copy of letter to Secy of Am. U. Association.)

Reading Oct. 20. 1882

Rev. J. Reynolds

Secy Am. U. Association.

Dear Sir, I beg leave to
make the following statement to you, re-
marking the condition of our Society, and
its needs.

You are aware that the Association has assisted
us, for two years to the extent of \$250. pr annum
to meet our expenses and keep our
debt supplied. Last year we felt much
discouraged at the prospect, and there was collected
\$1000 which was paid upon the mortgage, and
another \$1000 subscribed which I hope will be
collected during the next six months.

The consequent reduction of interest was so much
help, that at the beginning of the present year
we raised a little more upon the rental of our
seminary, so that we hoped that we could go through
the year without asking any assistance from
the Association. But the year has not yet
closed, and we are short. After paying the interest
from the debt, due in Nov. we shall be a little or

nothing left to pay our minister for the month
of Dec^r & January.

We shall probably get a little through our
Singing Circle, as is customary - but we fear
there will be a deficiency of about \$150.

We therefore ask if it would be possible for the Assocⁿ
to assist us to that extent, if we should need it?

Our pastor, Mr. Staple, is very much liked by all
who have heard him preach, and for the short
time he has been with us, is quite popular, &
specially. The prospects look brighter day by day,
and we hope that ere long we can stand upon
our feet, rendering assistance rather than asking
it.

But for the present we must ask for
some help. I am waiting your reply. I am
I am
Yours &c. E. B. Harrington,
for the Trustees.

Reply of Rev. J. Reynolds. to above.

Boston November 14. / 1882.
Mr E. B. Harrington
Haverhill.

Our board voted as you
desired \$150. for the year beginning March 1st
1882. It would be convenient for us, if you
could defer arriving the amount until the
close of the year, March 1st 1883, and I judge
by your note not inconvenient to you.

Signed Very truly
J. Reynolds.

From George S. Littlefield, Committee of South
Middlesex Conference.

Boston Feb. 5. 1883

The Committee of the South Middlesex Conference
in church debt, desire to take up the case of

leading in accordance with the vote of the
Conference. Would it be convenient for
you and some three or four of the Trustees to meet
us, say on Monday afternoon Feb 12 at Tremont
Place, that we may take counsel together, as to
the best way in which to proceed.

Signed

Yours truly

George S. Littlefield.

Boston Feb. 9th 1883.

Dear Sir,

The debt raising committee
of the South Middle Church Conference will meet
representatives of the Reading Society at the
Tremont Place next Monday at 2 P.M.

Signed

Yours truly

George S. Littlefield.

(Reading February 18, 1883.
Notice.

The Regular annual meeting of the Christian Union Society, will be held at their Church, Monday evening, Feb 26/83, to act on the following articles.

Art. 1. To Choose a Chairman.

Art. 2. To hear report of Trustees, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To hear report of Treasurer, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To hear report of Collector, & act thereon.

Art. 5. To hear report of all Committees and act thereon.

Art. 6. To Choose Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer and Collector for ensuing year.

Art. 7. To Choose Committee on Singing, Widening Charities and Hospitality.

Art. 8. To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and renting of pews.

Art. 9. To see what action the Society will take in relation to preaching the coming year.

Art. 10. To see what action, if any, the Society will take in relation to ~~prosecuting~~ ^{a further reduction of the debt} ~~the~~ ^{ensuing year}.

Art. 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

W. H. Paul Clerk

Proxies Trustees W. H. Proctor

E. B. Harrington

Ira C. Gray.

Reading Feb 26/83

In accordance with the rules of the Christian Union Society met at the time and place appointed. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk. After reading of the minutes Mr. W. H. Proctor was elected

Chairman. A resolution in which Mr Harley Porter
was called to preside, and at once proceeded
to business.

Under

Act 2 The report of the Trustees as extended below, was
accepted and adopted.

Under

Act 3 The report of Treasurer, as below, was accepted
and adopted.

Under

Act 4 The Collector's report was accepted & adopted.

Act 5 Resolved, that the report of Committee on
Charities be accepted and adopted, no report
being made on singing & visiting Committee.

Act 6 Under the article, the following officers were
chosen, after each of the society, the present
Club having declined a reelection -

John C. Gleason had 17 votes

A. N. Horrocks " 4 "

and John C. Gleason, was declared elected Club
for Trustees. Mr Proctor

E. B. Harrington

Ira L. Gray

Each receiving a majority of the votes cast, were
declared duly elected.

For Treasurer, Miss Abby Clapp received
18 out of 19 votes, and was declared elected.

For Collector Charles L. Rodgers received
20 votes, whole number cast, and was declared
elected.

Act 7. The following were elected Singing Committee for
the ensuing year, viz. Caroline S. Wright

A. N. Horrocks.

Miss Belle Dinmore.

Committee on Charities. Mrs H. E. Cox

Miss Belle Dinmore

Mrs Pinkham

It was also resolved that the Committee on
visiting and hospitality be one more the same
it was constituted as follows and the clerk

was instructed to notify the members of this election
viz. Mrs C. O. Wright, Mr F. H. Brown,
Mr Seth Rich, Mr Henry Robinson,
Mrs D. M. Hooton, Mrs W. F. Paul.

Ans This article was taken up & it was
voted that \$1.00 be added to each seat in the rental
of pews. The vote by which
it was passed over, was subsequently re-
considered & it was voted that the St. Paul
Services be secured for the year, 1863, at \$1000 per year.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Collector,
and the Treasurer was instructed to pay to
Mr Chas. B. Rodgers the sum of \$50. for his
services as janitor, which duties he has
performed in connection with his services
as collector. Also Voted that Mr Rodgers
Janitor & Mrs. Laura Dismore, Organist
be paid the sum of \$50. for the coming year.
Adjourn.

W. F. Paul, Secy.

Following is Report of Trustees presented
at above meeting.

Reading February 26/63

The present year is an eventful one in
the history of our society. At the time of
our last annual meeting, our pulpit was
being supplied by arrangement with
Messrs Staples and Haller. This con-
tinued until the summer vacation. During
this time it was evident, that a strong
feeling was being developed that Mr
C. J. Staples would be the man most
likely to satisfy the Society as their pastor.
The result was that the Trustees were by unanimous
vote instructed to invite Mr Staples to settle over us.

After Corresponding and Confering with Mr
Staples he on the 14th September accepted our case
and on the 17th October was ordained & installed
as our pastor. We congratulate you on your
choice believing that you have an able preacher
and an earnest devoted pastor.

With the assistance of our friends, the Am. U. S. associ-
ation, we went through the year ending Feb 28/82.
without running in debt, leaving a balance of
about \$75, which it was thought just for the Society
to pay toward painting the church, &c. the remainder
of the expense being by individual subscriptions.

During the year we have been called upon by the
Association to pay toward the general fund. The
sum was \$35.00. This was raised by subscription
and in giving it we coupled the request that Mr
Staples be made a life member, which was com-
plied with. During the month of October last,
it became certain that the income for the year would
be equal to expenses, & that there would be a de-
ficiency of about \$150. We then stated our
position to Rev. D. Reynolds Secretary of the A. U.
Assn. This statement was laid before the board
at the next meeting, and the amount was voted us.
and received last week. In the meantime we
borrowed the needed money to meet our payments.

In October we received a circular from the chair-
man of a committee of the South Middlesex Conference
asking about our debt, and if assistance was needed
for the reduction thereof. We replied promptly giving
a statement of our condition & what we hoped to do.
At the last meeting of the Committee, action was taken
and on the 5th inst. we were notified to meet that
Committee on the 12th for consultation. We met them,
& accompanied by Mr. (Staples) is requested, and the
whole matter was talked over. The different members
of the Committee showed great interest in our Society

and its welfare, and it voted to appeal to the
Officers & Directors belonging to the Conference,
with the expectation that possibly \$1000. could
be raised for our benefit. Should this amount
or any other sum be raised by ourselves, which would
be conclusive evidence to the WM Union Association
that an additional \$1000. would reduce our debt
to \$5000. it was the opinion of the Committee that the
Assⁿ might furnish it.

Should we be so fortunate, as to reduce our debt
to \$5000. during the coming year, we can carry
that amount without much inconvenience.

In our communication with Mr. Staple, previous
to his accepting our call, we stated to him, that
at this meeting, the salary of our pastor was
voted, & that we hoped to be able to pay him
more than \$800. for the coming year. We hope
that this can be accomplished, to the extent of
making the salary \$1000. But in order to do
this, you must raise about \$350. more this
year than last. This can be done, 1st by
increasing the rental, of pews, \$4.00 for short
pews & \$6.00 for long ones or 5.00 for each sitting.
Provided an equal number of sittings are rented,
and an equal amount of premiums paid, as
last year. This would net about \$200. the
other \$150. more or less, must be met by additional
rentals of pews or premiums, or failing that, by
subscriptions, entertainments, &c. Should the
foregoing propositions be carried out, our
year will see us in good condition & free from
financial anxiety. Signed

E. B. Harrington
Wm. Proctor, Treas.
Ore. L. Tracy.

The bonded debt is \$8,900

subscribed & to be collected say \$100.

Arranged for

\$550.
\$1450.

Treasurer report for the year ending March 1st 1913

Received.

From Pew rents	111111	
" Store	293.75	
" Gleamers	100.	
" A. U. A.	150.	
on hand from last year.	2.53	1657.39

Paid

Salary to Minister.	366.67	
" " Organist.	52.25	
For Coal.	49.	
Blow Bow.	12.	
Interest.	452.56	
Different Ministers.	325.	
Wood.	7.50	
Repairs.	16	
A. U. A.	31.50	
Gas	10.85	
General Expenses.	12.75	
Per. amt to Mr. Rogers	50.50	
Gas filling.	12.50	
Repair on Store.	54.69	
Paper.	22.13	
W. H. Manning.	2.50	
Paper. Printing. Postage.	33.60	
Toward Painting Church.	82.	
Sundries to Mr. Rogers.	3.	1601.94
on hand.		55.45

Police.

The regular annual Meeting of the Christian Union Society will be held at their Church Monday Evening March 3^d 1884. to act on the following articles by

Article 1 To choose a Chairman.

- " 2 " hear report of Trustee and act thereon.
- " 3 " hear report of Treasurer and act thereon.
- " 4 " hear report of Collector and act thereon.
- " 5 " hear report of all Committees and act thereon.
- " 6 " choose Clerk. Board of Trustee. Treasurer and Collector for the ensuing year.
- " 7 " choose committee on Singing. Visiting. Charities and Hospitality.
- " 8 " To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and renting of land.
- " 9 " To see what action the Society will take in relation to Preaching the coming year.
- " 10 " To see what action, if any, the Society will take in relation to a further reduction of the dues.
- " 11 " To transact any other business that may legally come before the said meeting.

Per order Trustee
Wm. Proctor.
E. B. Harrington.
Ira C. Gray

John C. Gleason
Clerk

Reading Feb'y 23^d 1884

In accordance with the above order the Christian Union Society met at the time and place

the meeting was called to order
by the Clerk after reading the warrant
Mr. E. B. Harrington was elected Chairman.

Under

Oct. 2 The report of the Trustees, as extended below, was
accepted and adopted. Under

Oct. 3 The report of the Treasurer as extended below
was accepted and adopted. Under

4 The Collectors report was accepted and adopted.

" 5 The report of the committee on charities was
accepted and adopted. By a unanimous
vote the Treasurer was instructed to pay to
Col. Carroll D. Wright, One Hundred and
Fifty Dollars for Music for the past two
years and it was also voted, to appropriate
One Hundred and Twenty Five dollars for
Music for the coming year.

" 6 Under this article the following Officers
were chosen. John C. Gleason had 19 votes
for Clerk and was declared elected.

For Trustees E. B. Harrington had 23 votes.

Wm. Proctor " 21 "

H. T. Hall " 20 "

Seth Rusk " 4 "

C. D. Wright " 1 "

And the first three names having a
majority of the votes cast were declared
elected.

For Treasurer Miss. Abby C. Clapp received
19 votes, and was declared elected.

For Collector Mr. Charles G. Rogers received
18 votes, and was declared elected.

" 7 The following were elected Singing Committee
for the year ensuing. Viz. Carroll D. Wright.

A. H. Howe

Mrs. Harley Goring

art. 7 Committee on Charities, Mrs H. B. [unclear]
" [unclear] [unclear]
" [unclear] [unclear]

Committee on Visiting and
Hospitality.

" C. D. Wright
" Seth Rich
" D. M. Hoolow
" H. H. [unclear]
" Henry Robinson
" W. H. Paul

under

- art. 8 It was voted to appraise and rent the
Pews the same as last year, and that
the date for said rental be left to the Trustees
" 9 The question of the Pastors Salary was also left to the Trustees
" 10 No action was taken under this article.

The Clerk John C. Gleason was sworn
to a faithful discharge of his duties

by Carroll D. Wright
Justice of the Peace

The doings of this Meeting which should have
been held the last Monday in February
were declared Legal by a unanimous vote.

Voted to adjourn.

Trustee Report

March 1st 1881
To the members of the Abolitionist Union
Society.

The Trustees owing to sickness have not been able to consult with your Committee as fully as they would wish, but have obtained sufficient knowledge of the financial condition of the Society to report as follows.

At the date of our last annual meeting we estimated the receipts and expenses to be such amounts as would leave a deficit of about \$250.00. This deficiency was made up by \$100.00 received from the S. B. Union and the remainder taken from the moneys received from the Rent of Church and from Fairs &c.

The actual receipts were some \$150.00 more and the expenses \$100.00 more than estimated.

The actual receipts from all sources were \$667.00 and the Treasurer has paid out \$1821.65. The difference between these sums she has borrowed. There is due from Store & Devoe \$379.00 and there are bills unpaid of 223.19 were all the Pew rents now due - Paid - there would be a balance in the Treasury of \$2. or \$3.

The Treasurer wishes us to call your attention to the importance of all Pewholders promptly paying their assessments. It is not agreeable to be obliged to borrow from month to month (as has sometimes been the case) money to pay our Minister, whom we have agreed to pay promptly.

Our estimates for the coming year are -

Receipts, Rent of Church \$1200.00

Premium

275.

Share

Total -

\$1475.00

Expenditure.	Salary of Pastor	1000 00
	Interest	370
	Janitor	10
	Organist	10
	Organ Boy	10
	Exp. Church	85
	Taxes	22
	Collector	15
	Sundries	25
		<u>1487 00</u>

which leaves a surplus of \$27.00
 We had hoped that the figures would be
 favorable enough to have authorized us in
 suggesting an increase of our Pastors salary
 but unless our Pew rent for more than
 estimated, we do not see where the money
 is to come from. We leave this subject
 your careful consideration.

Debt — The debt last March was 8,400.
 Paid during the year 1,400.
 Now — 7,000

The amount paid was received from the
 following sources —

Contributed by Concord Society	200	
" " Lexington "	76	
" " Barbours "	10	
Woburn "	22 50	
Revere "	10	
Brighton "	20	338 50
Subscriptions over		200
Entertainments &c.		<u>318 50</u>

There is also a balance of \$182.67 received
 from entertainments but used to pay bills
 not applicable to Pay of debt when
 accounts are collected. There is still
 subscribed but not yet paid toward
 debt \$150.00 we have also from

London Society 15. Winton 15. St. Andrew
Arlington 22.35 total 62.75 to be applied
to reduction of debt we expect some \$100 more
from other societies

In conclusion we can but Congratulate the
Society upon its improved financial
condition, with a reduced debt, if we
are as many Pewe rented and amount
of Premiums paid as last year we
shall hold our present position but
we hope that the amount from this source
will be increased. But unless this is an
ascertained fact, we shall need your
assistance in some way to make up
any deficiency which may exist.

Wm Proctor }
E. B. Harrington } Trustees

Treasurer's Report
from March 1st 1883 to March 1st 1884
Expenses of year - Receipts of year
2018.27 2027.43
Balance left 11.16
Debt amount Paid 1100.00

Atty C. Clapp
Treas.

Collection Report

March 1891

Collected.

1381

Uncollected.

223,853

Lost

721

Charles J. Rogers
Collector

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Church will be held at their Church Monday
evening February 23^d. 1885. to act on the following Articles

Article 1. To choose a Chairman

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Charities and Hospitality.

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relation to the appraisal and renting of the

Article 9. To see what action the Society will take in
relation to Preaching the coming year.

Article 10. To see what action the Society will take
in relation to a further reduction of the

Article 11. To transact any other business that may be brought before
the meeting

Per Order Trustees

E. B. Harrington.

Wm. Proctor

W. C. Hall

John C. Gleason.

Clerk

Reading February 14th 1885

In accordance with the above call the Christian
Church met at the time and place appointed.
The meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

reading the same. C. D. Wright was elected Clerk
Art. 3 The report of the Trustees as extended below was accepted
and adopted.

Art. 4 The report of the Treasurer as extended below was
accepted and adopted.

Art. 5 The report of the Committee on Charity was accepted and adopted.
The names of Mr. E. H. Gowing and Mrs. T. W. C. Gilman
were proposed for membership.

Art. 6 Under this article the following Officers were chosen.
John C. Gleason had 19 votes for Clerk and was declared elected.
For Trustees. E. B. Harrington had 21 votes
H. J. Hall " 21 " "
W. F. Paul " 19 " "
C. D. Wright " 2

The first three names having a majority of the vote
cast were declared elected.
For Treasurer and Collector.
E. H. Gowing had 14 votes.
H. J. Hall " 3

E. H. Gowing was declared elected.
Art. 7 The following were elected Singing Committee
for the year ensuing by C. D. Wright.
Mrs. Harley Gowing.
A. A. Brown

Committee on Hospitality, Mrs. C. D. Wright.
" S. M. Brown
" S. J. Brown
" S. J. Brown
" C. P. Gowing.
Miss Abby C. Gowing.

Committee on Charity. Mrs. H. J. Hall.
" Charles P. Gowing
" W. F. Paul

Art. 8 It was voted to appraise and send the
the same as last year
place Wednesday evening March 4th 1885

Oct 9 Under this article Mr. Harrington made a motion to give the Salary of the Pastor at \$1000.00 and it was so voted.

Land 25.
Organist 50.
Organ Boy 12.
Choir 125.
Collector 80.
Interest 330.
Gas & Coal 85.
Pages 20.
Sundries 25.

Oct 10 No action was taken under this article.

Oct 11 On motion of Mr. C. J. Staples the Chairman appointed Rev. Charles (Staples) E. B. Harrington Miss Abby C. Clapp to thank our sister Churches for their generous contribution towards the reduction of our debt.

Rev Charles C. Staples the Pastor) Col. C. D. Harrington and Miss Anna Appleton were chosen Delegates to represent this Society at the meeting of the Conference. On motion of Mr. E. B. Harrington it was voted to instruct the Treasurer to pay no bills (except those mentioned above) unless approved by the Trustees.
Voted to adjourn.

A meeting of the Christian Union held Wednesday evening March 4th 1885. Mr. C. H. Fox and Mrs. J. W. C. Gilman were admitted to membership by a unanimous vote, and the name of Edmund F. Brown was proposed for membership.

Since our last meeting nothing of much
 has transpired except the Progress made
 toward paying the debt.
 The attendance at our Sunday services has been
 equal to former years, and it is felt
 a stronger interest is felt in the Church
 than ever before. In our last report we
 estimated our receipts & expenditures
 would be about equal, but at the
 an additional appropriation \$125.00 was made
 for music, this amount & the falling off of
 our Pew rents caused a deficit of about
 \$200 - which has been made up by subscription.
 If our expenses are the same this year as last
 and estimating our income the same, there
 will be a deficiency of about \$100 -
 be made up in some way. At this
 last year the debt on the Church was
 \$74.33 - In June we paid \$200 - it now
 standing \$74.33 - The various churches
 belonging to the Conference have since our
 last report assisted us to the amount of
 \$633 - received as follows: Waltham \$50.00
 Cambridge 1st Parish \$125.75 Somerville \$50.00
 Cambridge Parish \$74.25 Arlington Ad.^d \$28.00
 Melrose \$10.00 Waltham ad.^d \$15.00 Winchester \$5.00
 West Newton \$5.00 Malden \$10.00 Collection
 at meeting of Conference \$15.00 There
 is pledged from other Societies interest
 of the Parish \$145.00 more, which with previous
 collections make a total of \$1177.55
 received from our sister churches.
 These amounts with our own contributions
 paid or arranged for will reduce our debt
 to \$0.00.00 as follows: \$1177.55 has been
 an appropriation to the Am. Unitarian Association

for the next 10 years. They are to act
upon the next year's meeting what
place in March. We have no doubt
that they will come to our assistance
to enable us to pay a sum sufficient
to reduce the debt to \$5000.
Our debt reduced to \$5000. we should
with reasonable attention pay our
current expenses and make some
provision for a sinking fund with
which to finally extinguish it.

Trustees.

E. B. Harrington.

Reading Feb 25th 1885.

Henry S. Hall

Estimates for 1885

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Rent of Pew.	1200.	Minister	100.
Door.	275.	Interest	330.
Stove.	235.	Sanctor	25.
	100.	Organist	10.
Def.	100	Organ Boy	10.
		Choir	125.
		Gas & Coal.	80.
		Taxes	25.
		Collector.	80.
		Sundries	25.
			116.

Collectors Report

Christian Union.

Reading Feb. 23rd 1885.

Whole Amount Pew Rents Collected \$1300.

Uncollected 9750

Cash on hand

Charles G. Rogers

Collector

Cut in hand from last year	
Sunday School	
Stewards	
Young People	
Produce	149.12
Defunct Society	
Pauper & Slave	2.00
Deficiency Subscription Paper	138
Rent of Church	4.00
Pew Rents	1238.00
	11.00

1910

Paid Minister	100.00
Music	50
Organist	50
Gas	35.50
Music (last year)	125
Association	50
Interest	100
Blow Day	25
Local	55.50
Taxes	20.00
General Expenses	20.00
Sanitary	50
Mr. Rogers Pecuniary	50.00
Church - one fund	50

1911

Attest (C) Clapp
Clergyman

(reading from book)

The regular annual Meeting of the Christian Union will be held at their Church Monday evening February 22^d 1886. at 8 O'clock to act on the following Articles viz.

- Article 1. To Choose a Chairman
- " 2. To hear report of Trustees & act thereon
- " 3. To hear report of Treasurer & Collector
- " 4. To hear report of all committees & act thereon
- " 5. To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer & Collector for the ensuing year
- " 6. To choose Committee on Singing, Visitation, Circulation and Hospitality
- " 7. To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and renting of the Church property
- " 8. To see what action if any the Society will take in relation to a further reduction of the rent
- " 9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said Meeting

In Order Testimony

E. B. Tarrington

H. J. Hall

W. B. Hall

John C. Gleason
Clerk

Witness February 6th 1886

In accordance with the above call the Christian Union met at the time and place appointed. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, after reading the minutes of the last meeting.

Under

The report of the Trustees was accepted and adopted

Under

The report of the Treasurer was accepted and adopted

Under

The committee on Enlarging made their report which was accepted and adopted

The committee on Singing made no report
" " " Visiting & Hospitality made no report

Under

John C. Gleason received 12 votes for Clerk and was declared elected
for Trustee Mr. E. B. Hamilton had 14 votes

" W. F. Paul " 14 "

" H. J. Hall " 14 "

" A. Prentiss " 1 "

" J. C. Gray " "

and the first three were declared elected
E. H. Gowing for Treasurer and collected 14 votes the whole number cast and was declared elected

Under

Col. C. D. Wright, Mr. E. H. Gowing and
Chas. H. Jones were elected Singing
Committee for the coming year

Committee on Hospitality & Visiting

Mr. C. D. Wright

" D. W. Horton

" Seth Rich

" J. P. Brown

" C. P. Gude

Abby C. Gode

Committee on Sabbath School

" W. F. Paul

" James G. Brown

Under

(Art. 8) It was voted to appear and rent
the Pews the same as last year
and to take place Monday evening
March 1st 1888

(Art. 8) No action was taken under this article

Under

(Art. 8) On motion of Mr. Gray a vote of Thanks
was passed to the Choir for their services
during the year
On motion of Rev. Charles J. Staples it was
voted that all applications for Church
or Aid made to this Church be referred
to the Trustees, they to determine all
affairs and time of making collections
for these purposes

The following names were proposed for
Memberships: Mrs. Edward H. Dwyer
" Charles Harlow
" Horace Eames
" George A. Winchester
Mr. George A. Winchester
" Horace Eames

The advisability of changing the time of
Church Worship to Morning service
instead of in the Afternoon as heretofore
was advocated by Rev. Charles J. Staples and
E. D. Harrington, a vote of the meeting was
taken which proved to be in the affirmative
by a unanimous vote. There being no further
business proposed Mr. Harrington moved
to adjourn to Monday evening March 3rd
at 7 1/2 O'clock. The Question to be
Done and there decided. The Pews
Pews to be sold at Auction during
the evening

Rejoined Meeting held in the
Church Monday Evening March 1st 1886

Meeting called to order by the Chairman
on motion made by Col. C. D. Wright
voted to instruct the Trustees to make
arrangements for morning service after
1st 1886

Trustees Report, 1886

A year ago our bonded debt was \$6700.⁰⁰
From subscriptions received, together with
the amounts given by our sister churches
we had by June ^{about} \$700.⁰⁰ The Am. Unitarian
Association answered our appeal for help
and voted us \$1000. These amounts
enabled us to pay \$1700. on the mortgage
note, which leaves our bonded debt
at \$5000. When this was done a statement
of the items was rendered to your
Treasurer, who since that time has
taken the whole charge of the finances.
Early last year it was apparent to us
that extensive repairs must be done on
our Carpet to make it look decent,
or a new one must be procured, but
the Ladies of the Sewing Circle took
the matter in charge and during the
vacation took up, cleaned and
repaired the Carpet so that it may
last some time to come. All of which
was done without any charge to the
Society. Our receipts the past year for
Pew Rents and Premiums were not up
to our expectations and quite a deficiency

would have existed had we not been so fortunate in our festival and other entertainments.

From the various sources we have received enough to end the year without being in debt. But we hope an increased amount will be received from Pew rents &c. the coming year. We recommend the following appropriations for the year.

Minister \$1100. Interest \$250.

Sanitor \$75 Organist \$50. Organ Boy \$12.
Choir (Miss Adams) \$50. Gas, Coal and
Taxes estimated \$120.

Collector estimated \$80. Sundries \$40.

Total \$1777. In conclusion we must say that the thanks of the Society are due to your Treasurer for the prompt and energetic manner he has attended to his duties.

Feb. 9 22^d 1886.

Respectfully Submitted

E. B. Harrington

H. T. Hall

Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Charity.
February 22^d 1886.

Cast on hand.	\$ 17.52
Thanksgiving received.	26.05
	<hr/> 43.57
Paid out.	34.52
Balance .	<hr/> 9.05

At a meeting of the Congregational Union held
in the Church after the Morning Service
Sept 12th 1886. The Pastor Rev. Amos A. Staples,
Col. and Mrs. Carroll D. Wright were the
delegates to the Twelfth Biennial Meeting of
the National Conference of Unitarian and other
Christian Churches to be held at Saratoga N.Y.
Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 1886

Treasure Report.

Cash from Tenante	1886
" " Gleason	
" " Mr. S. H. Sanborn	
" " Newark Festival Com.	241.47
" " Rent of Church	96.
" " " " Store	235.
" " L. L. Benevolent Assn	
" " Interest Acc't	28.50
" Contributed to reduce debt	24

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Salary Paid C. J. Staples	100.00
" " F. W. Dean	50.
" " L. M. Dinwiddie	50.
" " Emma H. Adams	50.
" " E. H. Gowing, Coll.	38.
" " C. B. Rogers	12.

Interest on Debt Paid Abby C. Clapp	20
" " " B. First Cent Savings Bank	272.50

Cash Paid J. C. Gleason (Rent)	60.50
" " H. E. Co. (Rent)	50.
" " Citizens Gas Light Co.	28.
" " for Incidental Expenses	
" " " " " "	13.93
" Set aside as Capital Fund	50.
" Paid on Debt	57.50

Balance on hand

Reading March 3rd 1886

E. H. Gowing
Treasurer

The regular annual meeting of the Church
Union will be held at their house Monday
evening February 23rd 1887, at 8 o'clock
To act on the following articles viz.

Article 1st To Choose a Chairman

Article 2^d To hear report of Trustees & act thereon

Article 3^d To hear report of Treasurer & Collector & act thereon

Article 4th To hear report of All Committee & act thereon

Article 5th To Choose a Clerk Board of Trustees, Treasurer
and Collector for the ensuing year

Article 6th To choose a Committee on Singing,
Visiting, Charities and Hospitality

Article 7th To see what action the Society will take
in relation to the Appraisal and Renting of Pews

Article 8th What Amount of Money shall be appropriated
for the current expenses and how shall it be raised

Article 9th To transact any other business that
may legally come before said meeting

Per Order Trustees,

E. B. Harrington.

H. H. Paul

John C. Gleason

Reading February 12th 1887

at the time and place appointed
The meeting was called to order by the Clerk
after reading the minutes of the last meeting.

Art. 3. The Report of the Trustees was accepted
and adopted.

Art. 4. The Report of the Treasurer and Collector
was accepted and adopted.

Art. 5. The Report of Committee on Sunday
Visiting, Charity and Hospitality were
accepted and adopted.

Art. 5. John C. Glaser was instructed to cast
one vote for James Reid for Clerk for the year.

E. B. Hainington

W. H. Paul

J. H. Gilman

Each received 16 votes for Trustees
and were declared elected.

E. B. Hainington was instructed to
cast One Vote for E. H. Goring for Treasurer
and One Vote for Edward S. Brown for Collector.

Art. 6. Col. C. D. Wright, A. M. H. H. H. H.
Abby C. Clapp were unanimously elected
Committee on Sunday and the following
Committee on Visiting and Hospitality.

Miss F. F. Brown

" C. D. Wright

" E. H. Goring

" James C. Brown

Miss Anna Appleton

Committee on Hospitality

Miss F. F. Brown

" Samuel D. Brown

Miss Abby C. Clapp

under

Art. 7. It was voted to adjourn.

Read the Paper the same as last year
said report to be read on Monday
evening March 1st - under
Chap. 1.

It was voted to raise and
appropriate \$1850.00 (the sum recom-
mended by the Trustees) to cover the
expenses for the coming year. - under
Chap. 2.

Lindsey Perkins

Parker Goring

Edmund L. Brown

1 Charles Reed

were chosen Vestry for Morning and Evening.

It was also voted to purchase Parker
Hymn Book for the use of Strangers.

The following names were proposed
for Membership.

W. E. Eaton.

Mrs. W. E. Eaton

" Annie E. Hall

Mrs. Abby M. Sperry

T. Abell Howe

Henry Robinson

Trustees
February 1850

Since our last meeting nothing of importance has occurred. We have been unfortunate in the loss by removal of our Co-Trustee Mr. Hall. By his removal the Town has lost an estimable citizen and the Society a valuable member.

We are happy to state that a number of Pews have been rented during the year, more than making up for the loss caused by those leaving us. As in previous years our income from rental of Pews has not paid our necessary expenses, but the deficiency has been made up by the proceeds of entertainments &c.

Early in the year it was thought necessary to make extensive repairs to the Organ and we authorized an expenditure of \$500 which has put it in fair condition for the present, but it will need further repairs, which should be done from year to year to keep it in proper condition for use.

We recommend appropriating the sum of \$1850.00 to cover expenses of coming year to be expended as follows:

Salary of Pastor	\$1100	Interest	\$250
Sanitor	75	Organ Rep.	50
Choir	100	Organ Rep.	50
Gas, Coal & Fuel	100	Estimable	100
Collector	80		

Respectfully submitted

For the Trustees

E. B. Harrington, Chairman

Notice.

The Annual Meeting of the Christian Union will be held at their church on Monday evening February 27th 1888. at 8 o'clk. to act on the following articles, namely:

Art. 1st To choose a chairman.

Art. 2^d To hear report of Trustees, and act thereon.

Art. 3^d To hear report of Treasurer and Collector and act thereon.

Art. 4th To hear reports of all Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 5th To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 6th To choose a Committee on Singing, Visiting, Charity and Hospitality.

Art. 7th To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and renting of Pews.

Art. 8th To determine how much money shall be appropriated for current expenses, and how the same shall be raised.

Art. 9th To transact any other business which shall legally come before said meeting.

Per order, E. B. Harrington }
W. F. Paul } Trustees
F. H. Gibson }
James Reid. Clerk.

Reading Feb. 18th 1888.

In accordance with the call the Christian Union met at the time and place appointed, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, when, after the reading of the call, the following action was had: under

Art. 1st Edward B. Harrington was chosen chairman.

Art. 2^d The Trustees Report was read, and on motion it was voted to accept and adopt the same, said report appears ⁱⁿ record following.

Art. 3^d Reports of Treasurer were laid before meeting by Miss Abby C. Clapp, Mr E. H. Gowing the Treas. being unavoidably absent, and together with the report of the Collector, Edward D. Brown, was accepted by vote of the meeting.

Art. 4th Reports of Committee on Singing, Visiting, Charity and Hospitality were severally presented and accepted. On motion of Mr F. H. Gilson seconded by Mrs E. M. Brown, the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. A. Newell Howes, and Mrs. Isabelle P. Gowing for gratuitous services as members of the Choir during the past year.

Art. 5th James Reid had 10 votes and was declared duly chosen Clerk. E. B. Harrington had 10 W. F. Paul had 10 F. H. Gilson had 9 A. N. Howes had 1, votes for trustees; and E. B. Harrington, W. F. Paul and F. H. Gilson declared chosen. for Treas. Miss Abby C. Clapp had 8 Mr Eames had 1, Mrs Brown had 1, Mr Howes had 1. Miss Abby C. Clapp was declared chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year. for Collector, Mr Edw. D. Brown had 11, the whole number cast, and was declared unanimously elected Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 6th A. Newell Howes, Mrs S. Richardson and Warren E. Eaton were chosen Committee on Music. Miss E. M. Brown Miss Abby C. Clapp, Mrs Horace E. Eames, Mr F. H. Gilson Mr A. N. Howes and Mr E. F. Brooks were chosen Committee on Visiting and Hospitality. Mrs L. P. Cox, Miss Abby C. Clapp, and Rev. Chas. J. Staples were chosen Committee on Charity.

Art. 7th The subject matter of this article was by vote, referred to the Board of Trustees with full power to decide the same.

Art. 8th On motion voted that the recommendations of the Trustees as set forth in their report, be adopted as the rule of action in determining the several amounts to be appropriated for current expenses the

ensuing year, the question of passing the contribution^{book} once each month to collect funds in aid of defraying current expenses, was discussed, and the matter left to the Trustees for future action, money to be raised in the usual manner by Pew Rents &c

Art. 9th Voted that the persons whose names were presented for membership at the last Annual Meeting, are entitled to the same on signing the by-laws, no objections having been made thereto.
On motion, Voted: that this meeting be adjourned sine die -

Trustees Report.

The past year has been one of continued prosperity - although we have fallen short about the usual amount in our finances. This deficiency has been made up by our entertainments, ladies societies, etc - We lost about \$175⁰⁰ of income by the death of Mr Parker, the lessee of the store, & the expense of putting the store in condition for a new tenant. We have leased the store to Mr Stone for 5-years, and he has expended considerable money in addition to the amount paid by us, to put the store in good shape for business. Our prosperity consists in an increased number of sittings rented but more particularly in the satisfaction expressed by those who have joined us the past year or two, in our Pastor and his ministrations. We understand that there are a number of families who have lately moved to Reading who should be members of our Society, and we hope that the Visiting Committee and all other members will by calling upon them, show them that they will be welcome, and thus induce them to join us. Could we rent 8 or 10 more pews, we would be in an excellent financial condition, and every family that joins us is an encouragement to our Pastor that his services are appreciated.

Our estimated receipts for the year, about \$1600. from pew-rents premiums, and store. Our estimated expenses will be about \$2000. namely Minister \$1200 Interest \$250 Gas, coal &c \$100

Organist \$50. - Blow-boy \$12. Choir \$100. Collector \$65. - Sundries \$25. Insurance \$125. - Janitor \$75. = \$2002. and we recommend that the said sums be appropriated. the item of insurance \$125.

cover a period of 5 yrs. but has to be paid the coming Nov. We have usually made 3 to 400 by our entertainments & if we do as well this year & can get a slight increase in pew-rents & premiums, we shall close the year satisfactorily. But all must do their best, in order to accomplish it.

Respectfully

E. B. Harrington

Reading Feby 27th 1888.

Trustees.

Music Committee's Report -

Paid Organist	\$50.00
" Mr Parker, tenor	50.00
" Mr Briggs bass	39.50
" Mrs P Linney alto	35.00
" Blow boy	12.00
Mrs Bowing gave her services for the year - and	\$186.50
Mr Howes also gave his during this last quarter	

A. N. Howes } Music

A. C. Clapp } Committee

Reading Feby 27, 1888.

Charity Committee report receipts,	\$24.34
Paid out	19.11
Cash on hand	\$5.23

Notice.

A special meeting of this Society will be held in the Church on Sunday Sept. 9th, 1888 to see what action they will take in relation to the resignation of their Pastor.

Reading Aug. 29/88 By - 1. of the Trustees

In accordance with the above notice a meeting was held at the place and time specified. The call was read by E. B. Harrington of the Board of Trustees who also read the following communication.

Reading August 24th 1888

To the Trustees Members and Congregation of the Christian Union Reading.

My very dear Friends

You have indeed proved friends to me through these six years of a very happy ministry among you. The pleasure of our relationship has never been clouded for a moment. There is nothing in it to regret. Now that the time has come when I must leave you I go with genuine reluctance. You have treated me better than I could ask for. You have been uniformly kind and courteous. I owe you the assurance that this step is not hastily taken. It is only done after several months earnest and thoughtful consideration. All I can say is that it seems to me best. With this then I hand in my resignation as your Pastor to take effect on the first of October next.

I know not whether you have been troubled by my ministry. I only know that the words spoken here have been spoken out of my heart as they were given me, and that you have most independently borne with their hardness. I have learned much more of you and my future way will be largely lit by the light of your forbearance and hearty good-will.

if you have profited pass it on to the church
of my first affections be ever first in your hearts. You can
not remember me by making it a true and living Christian
Church.

God bless us every one

Faithfully Yours

Charles F. Staples.

On motion of F. H. Gibson Voted: that the chair appoint
a committee of 5 to draw up resolutions expressing the
feelings of the society regarding the resignation of our
Pastor, with power to fill vacancies or add to their number
the chair appointed as such committee, F. H. Gibson,
Ira C. Gray, Horace C. Madlin, Mrs Belle Goring, and
Miss Abby C. Clapp, and they ^{were} accepted by vote of the
Society.

On motion Voted: that when this meeting is adjourned it be
to two weeks from to day at this place

On Motion Voted: that the Trustees fill the pulpit from
and after October 1st at \$15.00 per Sunday.

The meeting
was then declared adjourned.

James Reid, Clerk.

met- according to adjournment; meeting called to order
by F. Howard Gibson of the Board of Trustees: the committee
appointed at the previous meeting presented the following
report which was read by W. F. Paul -

To Rev. Chas. F. Staples, Pastor of the Christian Union.
In accepting your resignation, we desire to convey to you
our sincere appreciation of ^{the} your fidelity with which you
have served the Society since you have been with us: of
the devotion to duty which you have manifested in our
behalf; and the zeal with which you have labored to
build us up as a church, not confined to your minister

ations in the pulpit, but extending through every department of church work, inspiring us to greater spiritual activity, broadening our intellectual culture, quickening our social life, and in every way aiding us as a parish by your constant presence, sympathy and help. Your efforts, we believe, have not been in vain. The material prosperity of the society has been assured. Our debt has been so far reduced as no longer to be a burden. Our revenue has been increased. The fullness of spiritual life may be less easily measured than these material evidences of prosperity, but we trust that the seed you have sown in the church and Sunday School has not fallen altogether on stony ground but will, with the Father's blessing bring forth abundant fruit. We are deeply sensible of the value of your services, and we know that the influence you have exerted will not soon cease to be felt.

And now as our relations are about to terminate, regretting as we do that you are to leave us, we hope that prosperity may attend you in the new field to which you are called. Knowing from experience that nothing will be neglected by you that may in any way tend to uplift or benefit those in whose behalf you are to labor, we trust you may attain the success you deserve, and reap the reward due to sincere and consecrated service.

F. H. Gibson.

A. C. Clapp.

Belle P. Goring. Committee

On motion voted: that the report be accepted, spread upon the records, and presented to Mr. Stapher.

Notice

The Annual Meeting of the Christian Union will be held at the church, on Monday evening February 25th 1880 at 8 o'clock, to act on the following articles, namely:

Art. 1st To choose a chairman.

Art. 2^d To hear the report of the Trustees, and act thereon.

Art. 3^d To hear the reports of the Treas^r and Collector, and act thereon.

Art. 4th To hear reports of all committees, and act thereon.

Art. 5th To choose a clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and Collector.

for the ensuing year.

Art. 6th To choose a committee on singing, Visiting, Charity, and Hospitality.

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Art. 9th To transact any other business which shall legally come before said meeting.

E. B. Harrington

F. H. Wilson } Trustees.

W. F. Paul }

James Reid, Secy.

Reading Feb 14th 1880.

Pursuant to the above Warrant a meeting of the Christian Union was held at the time and place designated. The meeting was called to order by the clerk who read the warrant and under Art. 1st the meeting to choose a chairman

Art. 1st Chose Edward B. Harrington

Art. 2^d The report of the Trustees was read by the chairman Edward B. Harrington, and follows:

Trusting Report. Error

In past year has been one of continued prosperity, although we have been short about the usual amount in our finances. This deficiency has been made up by our contributions, Ladies Society etc. - We lost about \$50.00 of income by the death of Mr. Parker, the donor of the store lot.

for report for
1880 see following

& the expense of putting the store in condition for a new
 tenant. We have leased the store to Mr Stone for 5 years, and
 he has expended considerable money in addition to the
 amount paid by us to put the store in good shape for
 business. Our prosperity consists in our increased number
 of sittings rented, but more particularly in the satisfaction
 expressed by those who have joined us the past year or two,
 in our Pastor & his ministrations. We understand that
 there are a number of families who have lately moved to
 Reading who should be members of our Society, and we
 hope that the visiting Committee, and all other members
 will, by calling upon them, show them that they will be
 welcome, & thus induce them to join us. Could we rent
 8 or 10 more pews, we would be in an excellent financial
 condition, and every family that joins us is an encourage-
 ment to our Pastor that his services are appreciated.

Our estimated receipts for the year about \$1600. from Pew-
 rents, premiums & store. Our estimated expenses will be
 about \$2000. & namely:

Minister	\$1200.
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Gas coal &c	100.
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Blow-boy	12.
Choir	100.
Collector	65.
Sundries	25.
Insurance	125.
Janitor	75.
	\$2002.

and we recommend that the said sums be appropriated.
 The item of insurance \$125.00 covers a period of 5 yrs. but has
 to be paid the coming Novr. We have usually made 3 or
 400. by our entertainments &c & if we do as well this year
 and can get a slight increase in pew rents & premiums
 we shall close the year satisfactorily. But all must do their
 best, in order to accomplish it.

Respectfully submitted

E. B. Hamington

Reading

Feb 27th 1888

Trustees

This report was for 1887-8 and its record here is an error.

Voted to amend the Trustee report by substituting \$200 for \$100. for the choir. voted to accept and adapt the report as amended.

Trustee Report

Reading Feby 25th 1889.

At the close of another year we are financially in about the same condition as at its beginning. Our ordinary receipts have been less than estimated & our expenses as a whole have been less, as usual there has been a deficiency, which has been made up from proceeds of our festival, &c & by contributions of friends.

Just previous to our last Annual Meeting we received a note from our pastor, Rev. L. J. Staples resigning his pastorate, but we induced him to allow us to keep it private until such time as he should be called to another field of usefulness. This happened near the close of the summer vacation, and he left us Oct^r 1st. For the next 13 Sundays our pulpit was supplied by different persons, some as friends, & others as Candidates.

Of those who preached as Candidates, Mr D. C. Stevens proved to be your choice; and in accordance with your vote, a call was extended to him to become our Pastor, which he accepted. He commenced his labors Jan'y 6th .89. Not having been ordained, his ordination took place in this church, Wednesday Jan'y 16th at 7.30 P.M. Although he has been with us but a few weeks, his course has been such as to confirm the opinions expressed by those who had long known him. On our part we have to extend to him our sympathy and give him all the encouragement possible, or, in other words, to do our duty and we can look forward to a happy, united & prosperous Society. we estimate our expenditures for the coming year, to be say \$1677.00 and recommend the appropriation of that amount.

Respectfully Submitted,
for the Trustees

E. B. Harrington, Chairman.

Ministers who preached		Amount to be appropriated	
Oct 7th	Mr. Glover	Ministers Salary	\$10.00.00
12th	"	Interest	2.00.00
20th	" Sulloway	Fanitor	75.00
28th	" Weeks	Organist	50.00
Nov 5th	" Ruby	Choir	100.00
12th	" C. Williams	Blowboy	12.00
19th	" S. Stevens	Collector's Exp.	5.00
" 26th	" L.	Gas. Coal & Paper	100.00
Dec 2nd	" L.	Sundries	25.00
9th	Tradin		\$1677.00
16th	Humphreys	added to amt for choir	100.00
" 23rd	Harvey		\$1777.00
" 30th	Wilson		

for action on Trustees Report see top previous page

Art 3. Miss Abby Clapp the Treasurer, acted as such till Oct. 1st, 1888. Since which time Mrs Ann M. Eames has been acting Treasurer. the report was presented by Ann M. Eames covering the full year and the same was accepted by vote of the meeting. -
The report of the Collector was accepted and adopted.

Art. 4. The reports of the Committees on Singing, Visiting, Society and Hospitality, were presented and were accepted and adopted.

Art. 5. James Reid was duly elected Clerk, by ballot. Edward B. Harrington, Warren E. Eaton and Lucius Turner were elected Trustees for the ensuing year, by ballot. Ann M. Eames was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year by ballot. Edward D. Brown was elected Collector for the ensuing year, by ballot.

Art. 6. The following committees were chosen under this Article on Singing - A. Newell Jones, William S. Richardson and Warren E. Eaton.

Com. on Visiting. E. M. Brown Abby C. Clapp, Ann M. Eames,
and Hospitality
F. Howard Gilson, A. Newell Howes and Edward F. Brooks.
Com. on Charity. Same as last year.

Art. 7. on motion Voted. to have the rental of Pews on Wednesday evening March 3rd 1889.

Art. 8. The amounts recommended by the Trustees in their report, and one hundred dollars added to the appropriation for the Choir by vote of the meeting, were appropriated under article second.

On Motion of Warren E. Eaton, Voted: that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to take into consideration the matter of obtaining funds by means of a general subscription, to defray the miscellaneous expenses not provided for in the appropriations for the Pulpit and Choir.

The Chair appointed Warren E. Eaton, Lucius Turner and Emma M. Brown; by vote of the meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting Edward B. Harrington and the Treasurer Ann M. Eames were added to the Committee.

Art. 9. On Motion of Ira C. Gray, Voted: that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to consider the matter of raising one thousand dollars for defraying the cost of building a Vestry. the Chair appointed Lucius Turner Dudley F. Hunt, Harley Prentiss, Emma M. Brown, and Anna E. Appleton such Committee.

Report of Treasurer.

Received since Oct. 1st

Paid out

\$ 780.91

737.87

\$ 43.04

8.71

\$ 54.33

Miss Clapp's account to Oct. 1st 1888

Received

\$ 1206.30

Paid out

1195.15

Balance on hand

\$ 111.15

Received from Pairs	\$ 373.64
" " Sewer rents	1238.75
" " Sewing Circle	20.00
" " Cleaners	20.00
" " Gifts	13.00
" " Collections this Fall	45.50

To be paid March 1st 1889.

Ministers Salary	\$ 40.00
Choir	50.00
Organist	12.50
Curator	18.75
	<u>\$ 121.25</u>

Coal (estimated)	<u>25.00</u>
	\$ 146.25

Due March 1 st	
Uncollected rents	\$ 5.00
Store rent	18.75
Interest	18.50
	<u>\$ 88.25</u>

on hand	\$ 43.07
" "	8.75
	<u>51.82</u>
	\$ 140.07

to be received \$ 88.25

Mrs H. E. Eames

Acting treasurer.

Warrant

Notice.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex S.S.

To the members of the Christian Union,
You are hereby notified to meet at the Christian Union
Church, on Monday evening May 27th 1889, at 7.30 o'clk,
to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1st To choose a chairman to preside at said Meeting.

Art. 2^d To receive applications for membership, and to
act thereon.

Art. 3^d To act upon any other business which shall lega-
lly come before the meeting.

Per order

E. B. Harrington

Lucius Turner

Warren E. Eaton

Trustees.

James Reid, Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, a meeting was held
at the time and place named therein; the meeting
was called to order by the Clerk, and under

Art. 1st Harley Prentiss was chosen chairman.

Art. 2^d The Clerk presented the following list of names of
applicants for membership, viz:

Barrows. Herbert

- Berry. Daniel W

Barrows. Kate W.

Berry. Eliza A.

Barrows. Cyrus M.

Berry. Alice

Barrows. Augusta K.

- Berry. Grace

Barrett. Nellie

- Berry. Mary

Beal. Oliver L.

- Blethen. Henry

Beal.

- Blethen. Frances

Brown. Edward D.	Howes. A. Newell	Rogers. Julia A.
Buck. George F.	Howes. Lilly	Ruggles. William F.
Buck. Rebecca A.	Hunt. Dudley F.	Ruggles. Otis B.
Burrill	Hunt. Amanda	Ruggles. Gertrude G.
Burrill. Mattie	Judd. Edith W.	
Buston. Ellen	Loring. Charles	Skinner.
	Loring. Richard	Smith. Frank M.
Clark. William E.	Loring.	Smith. Louisa
Clark. Harriet E.		Spinney. Abbie
Cochran. John	Nichols. Annie	Spinney. Nellie
Cochran. Hannah	Nichols. Edward C.	Spinney. Julia
Converse. Martha	Nichols. F. G.	Stevens. D. C.
Converse. Eveline	Nichols. Sarah	Swift. Edith T.
Converse. Delia	Nichols. Sarah A.	Swift. Waity A.
Cook. Caroline		
Corkins. Mattie	Parker. George	Taylor. Emma
	Parker. Jennie	Turner. Lucius
Dineen. Laura M.	Parker. Rachel	Turner. Mary
Drake. E. B.	Parker. Ellen	Turner. Lulu
Drake.	Perry. Mary V.	
	Phinney. John C.	Wakefield. Charles
Eames. Emma	Phinney. Mattie	Wakefield. Mary
Eames. Minnie	Pike. Charlotte E.	Walker. Lucelia J.
Eaton. W. P.	Poland. Sarah F.	Walker. Mattie
	Prentiss. H. Lindsay	
Foss. H. W.	Prentiss. Archer R.	Yeaton. Helen S.
Francis. Albert J.	Putnam. George L.	
Francis. Jennie R.	Putnam. Grace	
Francis. Richard		
Francis. Lucie	Rid. Anna P.	
	Rid. Charles F.	
Gibson. James	Rich. Seth	
Gray. Mattie	Rich. Bertha	
	Rich. Grace	
Hatfield. Anna E.	Richardson. William S.	
Hooton. Diana M.	Richardson. Frank	
Hooton. William E.	Robinson	
Hooton. Louise D.	Robinson	

which in accordance with the By Laws are to lay upon the table till the next meeting.

Art. 3^d On Motion of Warren E. Eaton, Voted: to appoint a committee of three to investigate in regard to building a Vestry. on motion Voted: that said committee be nominated by the chair; Warren E. Eaton D. L. Stevens and Edward B. Harrington were so nominated, and the nominations were confirmed by vote of the meeting. William Spinney, James Reid, and Edward F. Brooks, were by vote of the meeting added to the committee.

On Motion Voted that this meeting be now dissolved.
James Reid, Clerk.

Warrant.

Notice.

To the members of the Christian Union: You are hereby notified to meet at the Christian Union Church on Friday evening June 14th 1889 at 7.30 o'clock, to act on the following articles, namely:

Art. 1. To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To act upon the propositions for membership received at a meeting held May 27th 1889.

Art. 3. To act upon the following proposed amendment to article 2^d of the articles of Association, as amended, namely: to strike out the word "the," at the end of the fifth line, and insert the word "A." in its stead.

Art. 4. To act upon any other business that shall legally come before the meeting.

Per Order.

Warren E. Eaton
Lucius Turner
Trustees

Reading June 7th 1889.

James Reid, Clerk.

a meeting was held in accordance with the foregoing warrant, and was called to order by the clerk, under

Article 1 - Edward F. Brooks was chosen chairman.

Article 2 - The names of the applicants for Membership were read, and no objection being made, Sixty-three of them affixed their signatures to the Articles of Association and By Laws, thus becoming Members of the Christian Union.

Art. 3 - On Motion, Voted: that Article 2^d of the Articles of Association, as amended, be amended by striking out the word "the," and inserting the word "a," in its stead at the end of the fifth line, so that the article so amended shall read as follows: Article - Persons wishing to become members of this Society, may make application, verbally, or in writing, to the Clerk, who shall present their names at the next meeting of the Society, and the application shall be laid upon the table till a succeeding meeting, when, if no objection is made, the applicants may record their names, and become members; but if objection is made, a two thirds vote shall admit them.

Art. 4 - The Committee on Vestry, gave the meeting some account of their progress, and the matter was discussed somewhat, it was thought best to await further action of the Committee, before taking action in the matter.

On Motion, Voted: that this meeting be now dissolved.
James Reid, Clerk.

Notice.

A meeting of the Christian Union Society will be held in the Church on Wednesday evening July 10th at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering & adopting a plan for the proposed Vestry. A full attendance is requested.

per order

E. B. Harrington

Warren E. Eaton

Trustees

Reading July 2^d 1889.

James Reid, Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice a meeting was held at the time and place appointed, the meeting was called to order by the clerk who read the call for the meeting, and proceeded to the choice of a chairman, making choice of Warren E. Eaton, who stated the business of the meeting, and called upon Mr Horace B. Wadlin, who presented a plan of the proposed Vestry, together with his estimate of the expense of building the ^{same} not including the heating and furnishing. as follows:

Mr. Warren E. Eaton resigned as a member of the committee: on Motion, voted: to accept his resignation, and that Horace B. Wadlin fill the vacancy.

on Motion voted: to dissolve this meeting

James Reid, Clerk.

Notice.

To the members of the Christian Union; You are hereby notified to meet at the church on Thursday evening July 18, 1889, at eight o'clock; to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1st

To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2^d

To see if the Society will authorize the Trustees to ~~draw~~ borrow a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars, and subscribe the same for the purpose of aiding in building and furnishing a Vestry for said Christian Union, in accordance with a plan approved by said Society at a meeting held July 10th 1889; Said sum being additional to the amounts subscribed by individuals for such purpose.

Article 3^d

To see if the Society will choose a building committee and authorize said Committee to build a Vestry, by contract or otherwise, as they shall deem best; in accordance with the plan referred to in article 2^d.

Article 4th

To see if the Society will authorize the building committee to draw on the Treasurer for such sums of money as shall be necessary to pay for said building, and furnishing the same.

Article 5th

To see what action the society will take respecting the collection of subscriptions for the Vestry.

per order of

Edward B. Harrington

Warren E. Eaton

Trustees.

James Reid, Clerk.

A meeting of the members of the Christian Union was held in accordance with the foregoing warrant, and was called to order by the clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting and proceeded to the choice of chairman under Article 1st chose Edward B. Harrington chairman.

Article 2^d On Motion of Warren E. Eaton voted: that article 2^d be laid upon the table

Article 3^d on motion voted: that the committee appointed at a meeting held May 27th 1889 to investigate the subject of building a Vestry; subject to the change made by the resignation of Warren E. Eaton and the election of Horace G. Wadlin to fill the vacancy - be a building committee, under this article, with authority to build a vestry by contract or otherwise as they shall deem best; in accordance with the plan referred to in article 2^d the names of said committee being as follows, viz: Horace G. Wadlin, D. C. Stevens, Edward B. Harrington, William Spinney, James Reid, and Edward F. Brooks -

Article 4th On Motion, voted: that the building committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer, for such sums of money as shall be necessary to pay for building said Vestry, and furnishing the same.

Article 5th On Motion of W. E. Eaton, voted: that a committee ^{of five} be appointed by nomination from the chair, to solicit subscriptions of five dollars each, or more, to be paid immediately; and five dollars, to be paid a year hence, if needed; in aid of building and furnishing the Vestry. Committee - W. E. Clark, Anna P. Reid, Emma M. Brown, Gertrude Ruggles and Margaret Pinkham.
on Motion, voted: that Edward B. Harrington be added to the committee.

on Motion, voted: that this committee be a committee to collect all subscriptions for the Vestry and pay the same

to the Treasurer,

On Motion, voted; that the committee be authorized to fill all vacancies.

Meeting was declared adjourned without day.

James Reid, Clerk.

Annual Meeting Feb. 24th 1890.

Notice—

The Members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held at their Vestry on Monday Evening February 24th 1890, at 8 o'clock; to act on the following articles, namely.

Article 1 - To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 - To hear the Report of the Trustees, and act thereon.

Article 3 - To hear the Reports of the Treasurer and Collector, and act thereon.

Article 4 - To hear Reports of all Committees, and act thereon.

Article 5 - To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and Collector, and all other necessary Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 6 - To choose a Committee on Singing, Visiting, Charity, and Hospitality.

Article 7 - To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal, and renting of Pews.

Article 8 - To determine how much money shall be appropriated for current expenses, and how the same shall be raised.

Article 9 - To transact any other business which shall legally come before said meeting.

For Order, E. B. Harrington

for the Trustees.

James Reid, Clerk.

Meeting, February 13th 1890.

The meeting of the Trustees was held on the 1st day of June at the place appointed in the foregoing which was called to order by the Clerk, who read the minutes for the meeting, then proceeded to the choice of a Chairman.

Article 1 - Edward B. Harrington was chosen Chairman

Article 2 - The Chairman of the Board of Trustees read the Trustees Reports.

At our last annual meeting your trustees estimated that the expenditures for the year would be in excess of our legitimate income about \$250.00 to be provided for by proceeds from sales and entertainments. The receipts and expenditures will be shown by the Treasurers account, but we will state that there is \$90.50 due us on 1st prox^a consisting of unpaid notes & store rents. And more salaries to be paid amounting to \$57.25 making a deficit of \$157.75 for the year. We estimate the income for coming year at \$1375.00 and the expenditures at \$1565.00 a deficiency of \$190.00 and including that for this year a total of \$347.75. The cause of the deficiency the past year is caused by the fact that but a small portion of the proceeds from entertainments has been paid into the church fund, the larger portion being expended in making up for the loss, and we were obliged to use the subscription fund to pay our current expenses so far as it would go. After the deficiency of present year is paid, including a small balance due on the vestry, all our extra income can be applied to paying current expenses. If the subscription funding plan, as suggested and carried out by Mr. Eaton the past year is continued the coming year, & an equal amount is subscribed, together with the reasonable amount which ought to be raised by entertainments, we should close the year with a good sum on hand to meet any extraordinary expenses the following year. In comparing the past year with the previous year, we find that in the matter of receipts of money our income from this source has fallen off. This, as you all know has been caused by the removal from our midst of a number of our former members by death and others by change of residence.

To be read

At the business committee during the day of our year

comes to the trustees. The building as received was free from debt except a balance of about \$9000 which has since been reduced to \$16.62. The long felt want of such an addition to our church having been filled, we hope that renewed exertions will be made by all to increase the interest of both old & young in our church affairs.

Your Trustees have made a legal demand upon the Executor of Estate of Wm Proctor for amount of his note & interest. We can get no information as to when it will be paid, or whether it is likely to be paid in full or not. We must await the laws delay.

In conclusion we recommend the following appropriations - For Minister's Salary \$1000.00 Choir and Organist 250.00 Organ boy 12.00 Interest 265.00 Janitor 100.00 Gas & fuel 85.00 Collector, say 50.00 Repairs &c 75.00 Taxes 20.00 a total of 1865.00 Eighteen hundred & sixty five dollars.

Signed E. B. Harrington
W. C. Eaton

Reading Feb. 24th 1890.

Trustees.

On motion, Voted; the the report be accepted, and the recommendations be adopted.

Article 3 The Treasurer being absent on account of sickness the Treasurers Report was read by the Chairman, and is as follows Treasurers Report.

Church Account

To Amount rec ^d during the year	\$ 1757.92
by " paid out	\$ 1727.80
" balance on hand	30.12
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	\$ 1757.92 \$ 1757.92

Vestry Account.

To Money received	\$ 1687.67
By amount paid out	\$ 1670.29
" balance on hand	17.38
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	\$ 1687.67 \$ 1687.67

In Bank	7.39
Money on hand	9.99
	<hr/>
	\$ 17.38

Borrowed of Mr. Madlin	9.00
" " Mrs. Beckman	20.00
	<hr/> 39.00
Amount on hand to pay it	17.38
Balance	<hr/> 21.62

on motion, voted, that the report of the Treasurer be accepted.
on motion, voted, the thanks of the Society for the prompt and efficient manner in which the accounts both of the Church and building committee have been kept by our Treasurer Mrs. Horace E. Camer during the year just ended.

The collector did not make a written report, but the chairman of the board of trustees, stated that his books and accounts were audited by the trustees and found correct, fully agreeing with the treasurers.

Article 4 - The Committee on charity made the following Report. which was accepted

Amount on hand	\$ 5.23
" received during the year	15.13
" Paid out " " "	<hr/> 20.36

The committee on singing made a verbal report which was accepted.

Article 5: Proceeded to ballot for a Clerk for the ensuing year whole number votes cast 24

Clerk Jas. Reid had 23 scattering 1 and James Reid was declared elected

Edward B. Harrington, Warren E. Eaton and Henry Robinson were nominated for Trustees and on motion of William F. Skinner voted: that A. Newell Howes be authorized to cast one ballot for a Board of Trustees, one vote was cast accordingly, for the nominees and they were declared elected; on motion voted that Warren E. Eaton be authorized to cast one ballot for William F. Skinner for Treasurer for the year ensuing, one ballot was so cast and William F. Skinner was declared elected.

on motion, voted; that Edward F. Brooks be authorized to
to cast one ballot for Edward D. Brown for Collector one
ballot was cast accordingly and Edward D. Brown was
declared elected Collector.

Article The following committees were duly chosen
Committee on Singing.

A. Marshall House Warren & Eaton Hunt Richardson.

Committee on Teaching.

Mrs Henry Robinson, Ch. Mrs E. F. Brown, Warren E. Eaton
Mrs Henry Fentiss Mrs Dr. Wescott Miss Anna E. Appleton &
Miss E. N. Brown

Committee on Charity. Supper

Mrs Gov. Ch.	Mrs Henry Robinson Ch.	} Cleaners
. Hall	. Kinde	
. Haiker	. Taylor	
	. Hatfield	

Committee on Hospitality.

Mrs Wright, Ch. Mrs Fudd Mrs House Mrs Seal
Mrs Perry Mrs Elondy & Smith Mrs Brooks Miss Fipps
Mr Wright Mr Harrington and Mr Eison.

Committee on Decorations

Miss Abby M. Spinney, Ch. Miss Katherine Clarke
Mrs Olive Prescott Miss Annie Reid Miss Louise Krontz
Miss Hattie Corkins Mrs Belle Gowing Mrs Herbert Bann
Mr A. E. Hatfield and Mrs Jennie Francis.

Committee on Membership.

Mr F. D. Stoddy Mrs Margaret Pinkham
Mr E. F. Brooks Mr Wm F. Spinney.

Committee on Charity

Mrs Gov. Ch. Mrs Buck Mrs Belle Gowing
Mr E. F. Sturges.

Committee on Entertainment.

Miss Harriet Burrill Ch. Miss Gertrude Ruggles.
Miss Edith Judd Miss Bertha Rich Mrs Anna T. Reid.
Miss Louise Hooton Miss Belle Ruggles
Wm E. Clarke Chas F. Reid. Y Eaton

on motion voted that Committee have authority to add
to their number.

Article 7 - on motion, voted that the appraisal of pews
be the same as last year, and that the rental take
place one week from date.

Article 8 - For appropriations see Trustee Report.

W. E. Eaton made the following
Report:

To the Members of the Christian Union Society

Your Committee,

appointed at the last Annual Meeting to consider the Feasibility
of a plan suggested for meeting the Expenses of the church,
excepting the Salaries of the Pastor, Organist and choir, beg leave
to report, as follows;

It was evident at once to your Committee
that it would be impossible to judge of the feasibility of the
plan suggested until the plan had been given at least a year's
trial. Your Committee therefore took the responsibility of soliciting
subscriptions, of collecting the same, appointing Mr W. E. Eaton
Treasurer of the fund. The amount subscribed and paid in
is \$341.10 Adding interest (\$3.01) makes the total \$344.11; of this
amount there is left a balance on hand \$49.01. Owing to the
increased expense attending the building of the new Hall and
rooms, the Fund has been more largely upon than it would other
wise have been. The year's experience has convinced your Committee
that the advantages claimed for the plan by its author are not
imaginary; namely: 1) a more equitable way of meeting the general
expenses of the church 2) having money always at hand when
any emergency arises the amount is never used in meeting the salaries of

the truth from much labor and anxiety in planning how
to make both ends meet, Your committee therefore, believing the
plan has found a much excellent one, recommend its adoption by
the society.

Y^r Com.

H. E. Eaton.

a motion, viz: that the report be accepted, and the recommen-
dation adopted.

a motion of H. E. Eaton viz: that a committee of five be
appointed to solicit subscriptions, and appoint a Treasurer of the
society, under the foregoing vote; and H. E. Eaton, Edmund
Manning, Mr. Emma M. Brown, Edward J. Brown, and
Miss Mary M. Winslow were appointed such committee, with
authority to add to their number.

Article 9 The following communication was read and passed
into the society for its action:

Reading Mass. Feb 2-6-90

To the members

of the Christian Union

Dear Friends

Some of you are informed
that there has been some correspondence with reference
to a proposed union between the State Union of Mass., &
the Christian Union, that the arrangements may be completed
very soon, and this society taking part in the action.
After having given the matter due consideration I am
convinced that such union with us in no way be detrimental
but be extremely profitable bringing to you as it will a
mass of experience and deep association to the time
of crisis, it must have a beneficial effect.

I therefore

ask the Christian Union to release me from pastoral duties
from April 1st to Aug. 1st on account of
these matters.

Trusting that this will be pleasant and satis-
fying to the society and all parties concerned, I remain
Very truly Yours.

H. E. Eaton

The foregoing communication was duly considered; and on motion, it was voted: that the Society accede to the request of their Pastor as therein stated.

The following was read by Wm. F. Skinner - I move that a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the matter of raising funds to re-fresco the Church; and that when the sum of \$200. has been raised, either by subscription, or entertainment; or both that this committee be instructed to procure the services of suitable parties to do the work; that this Committee have power to add two members to its present number, that the Committee consist of Hon. Horace Wadlin Miss Mattie Burrill Rev. Dr. Stevens.

The matter of re-frescoing the Church was discussed somewhat, and on motion of Warren E. Eaton voted, to lay on the table.

on motion voted to dissolve this meeting.

James Reid, Clerk.

Notice

The members of the Christian Church are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall on Monday Evening February 27th 1894 at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles, namely

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.

To hear the Report of the Trustees and act thereon.

Article 3.

To hear the Report of the Treasurer and Collector and act thereon.

Article 4.

To hear reports of all Committees, and act thereon.

Article 5.

To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Collector, and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 6.

To choose a Committee on Singing, Visiting, Charity, and Hospitality.

Article 7.

To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and renting of Pews.

Article 8.

To determine how much money shall be appropriated for current expenses, and how the same shall be raised.

Article 9.

To see if the Society will substitute for Article 2 of the articles of Association, as amended at a meeting held September 22nd 1891 the following Article, namely:

Article 2. A person wishing to become a member of the Society, may make application, verbally or in writing, to the Clerk, who shall present the same at the next regular meeting. The application shall then be considered, and a vote taken shall, Two thirds of those present having voted in favor of the Applicant, they may sign the articles of association at that, or a succeeding meeting and become members.

Article 10

To transact any other business which shall regularly come before the meeting.

Per Order Edward B. Harrington
for the Trustees.

James Reid Clerk.

Reading February 12th 1871.

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the time and place appointed in the foregoing notice, and was called to order by the Clerk, who read the call for the meeting, then proceeded to choice of chairman under.

Article 1 - Harley Prentiss was chosen chairman, by ballot.

Article 2 - Edward B. Harrington read the report of the Trustees, and on motion the report was accepted.

Article 3 - The reports of the Treasurer and the Collector were read to the meeting by Mr Wm F. Spinney, and were severally adopted.

Article 4 - Mr. A. N. Hower reported for the Committee on Singing, verbally, and on motion the report was accepted. The Committees on Visiting, Charity, Hospitality, Membership, and Decoration severally reported, and their reports were accepted. The report of the Treasurer of the Subscription fund, ^{he} being prevented by disability from being present, was presented and accepted. on motion of Mrs. E. S. Wright, the thanks of the Society were voted to the Committee on Decoration, for the highly satisfactory manner in which they have performed their duties during the past year.

Article 5 - on motion of Wm F. Spinney voted to pass over this Article and take up Article 9.

Article 9 - On motion, it was voted by a two-thirds vote to substitute for Article 2 of the articles of association, as amended at a meeting held September 22nd 1871, the following article namely; Article 2. A person wishing to become a member of this Society, may make

application verbally, or in writing, to the Sec. who shall present the name at the next regular meeting; the application shall then be considered and a vote taken: two thirds of those present having voted in favor of the applicant they may sign the articles of Association, at that, or a succeeding meeting, and become members.

The Clerk presented the following ^{list} of names of persons who have applied for membership, namely:

Mr. James Wright - Mrs. Elma S. Wright
Mrs. Fanny S. Hathild - Miss Fanny Smith
- Miss Blanch Robinson. - Mrs. Josephine H. Prescott.
Mr. Ira Gray. Mr. Joseph Harrington
- Mr. Wilfred Bancroft - Miss Mary Alice Solenberger.
- Mr. Charles Parker.

and they were severally admitted to membership by vote of the Society.

Article 5 was taken up for action, and it was voted that the Chairman be instructed to deposit one vote for James Reid for Clerk for the ensuing year. ~~~~~

on motion voted, that the Chairman be instructed to deposit one vote for James Wright, Warren E. Eaton and Henry Robinson for Trustees for the ensuing year. ~~~~~

On motion, voted, that the Chairman be instructed to deposit one vote for William F. Spinney for Treasurer for the ensuing year ~~~~~

On motion voted that the Chairman be instructed to deposit one vote for Edward D. Brown for Collector for the ensuing year, and the above named persons so voted for, were declared duly elected to the several offices named. ~~~~~

Article 6. The following Committees were duly chosen, namely
Singing - A. Newell Howes, Warren E. Eaton & James Wright

Visiting - Rev. D. C. Stevens, Mrs. Warren E. Eaton, Mrs. B. F. Perry,
Mrs. W. H. Wescott, Miss E. M. Brown, Miss Mabel Brown, and
Miss Edith Judd

Charity - Mrs. Hubbard C. How, Mrs. Geo. F. Buck, Mrs. Anna E. Appleton
Rev. D. C. Stevens.

Hospitality - Mrs. James Wright, Mrs. C. P. Judd, Mrs. Ellbridge D. Smith,
Mrs. E. F. Brooks, Mrs. Stephen M. Hall, Mr. and Mrs.
Henry Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Newell Howes, Miss Caroline Phipps,
and Rev. D. C. Stevens.

Membership - Wm. F. Spinney, E. F. Brooks, Rev. D. C. Stevens, Mrs. Margaret
Pinkham, Mrs. W. E. Eaton, Mrs. F. F. Brown, Mrs. Horace E. Eames.

Entertainments - Miss Anna Hatfield, Miss Abby Spinney, Mrs. B. F. Perry,
Miss Hattie Burill, Miss Lizzie Cox, Mrs. E. H. Gowing, Miss Gertrude Ruggles,
Mrs. W. E. Eaton, Mrs. W. H. Wiscoll, Miss Alice Sollenberger, Miss Julia Spinney,
Rev. D. C. Stevens, Mr. W. E. Clark, Mr. T. H. Howes, Mr. E. D. Brown, Mr. Joseph
Harrington.

Refreshments - Mrs. Hubbard E. Cox, Mrs. F. F. Brown, Mrs. Chas. Cochran,
Mrs. C. M. Barrows, Mrs. Gould Ruggles, Mrs. Harley Prentiss, Mrs. Lucelia
Walker, Mrs. Chas. R. Perkins, Mrs. Ellbridge D. Smith, Mrs. Chas. Taylor, Mrs. Geo.
Parker, Mrs. Horace E. Stone.

Subscription Fund - Mr. Warren E. Eaton Treas. Mrs. Henry Robinson,
Mr. Albert J. Francis, Miss Lizzie Walker, Miss Mary Bancroft, Miss
Minnie Eames. Decoration Mrs. E. H. Gowing, Mrs. Herbert Barrows, Miss Annie P. Reid, Miss Olive
Prescott, Miss Mabel Brown, Miss Fannie Smith, Miss Fannie Hatfield, Miss Fannie Ruggles, Miss Hattie Perkins,
Miss Blanche Robinson, Mrs. A. J. Francis.

Article 7 on motion, voted that the appraisal be the same as last
year, and that the sale be in one week from to night.

Article 8 on motion, voted that the amount appropriated for current
expense be the same as last year, to be raised in like manner.

Article 10 On motion of T. Newell Howes, the thanks of this Society
were unanimously voted to Mr. Edward B. Harrington, in token of
our appreciation of the most efficient and untiring service, which
for the term of two years, he has rendered this Society, without
compensation other than satisfaction of having conscientiously per-
formed his whole duty as one of its Board of Trustees.

Mr. Harrington made a fitting response to this action of the
Society, after which, on motion the meeting was dissolved.

James Reid Clerk.

Report of Trustees.

There has occurred nothing of an unusual nature the past year. A note given by the late Mr William Proctor for 370⁰⁰ being in part our subscription toward paying the debt on the church has been collected from the Adm^r, with the interest thereon, amounting in all to \$433.89 300⁰⁰ of this amount is in the Savings Bank, and is held, together with a note of C. D Wright for 200⁰⁰ as security to pay a debt to Miss Abby Clapp for borrowed money. The remaining \$133.89 has been turned into the treasury.

The income from the usual sources has fallen short of the expenses some \$275⁰⁰. This has been made up in part, by drawing \$45⁰⁰ from the subscription fund, and the \$133.89 received from the amount rec^d from Mr Proctor's estate, leaving us in debt about \$1.00. During the past year, the Kitchen has been finished, and the new building boarded up underneath.

On the 15th Nov^r next, \$5000. of insurance on the church building expires, and must be renewed; the premium will be say 600⁰⁰.

By another year you must make some provisions for heating the church buildings. Possibly our Furnaces will last another year, but not longer, although even now they do not warm us sufficiently in very cold weather. The church also needs general repairs. We estimate that the current expenses for the coming year will be -

for Minister \$1000. Choir and Organist 250. Blowboy 15.

Janitor 100. Fuel & Gas 100. Sundries 75. Taxes and insurance 90. Interest 260. Total \$1890.00 and

recommend that the several sums be appropriated and raised in the usual manner.

We are sorry to say that the receipts from pew rentals have steadily fallen off for some years past, and you will have to make extra exertions to raise money enough to pay the current expenses for coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted

C. B. Huntington /
H. Robinson /

Trustees

Report read by Mrs F. Spinner

March 1/90

March 1/91

Cash on hand	59.60
Pews	1068.
Store	225. <u>1293.</u>
Mr Eaton	45.
Pink Dance	50.
Aut. Festival	180.40
Misses Bunnell & Co	85.
Baby Show	38.14
Sundries	94.08
Collector	5.05
W.P	<u>133.89</u>
	\$ 1984.46

Kitchen	230.23
W. Somerville	11
A. Nelson	<u>27.55</u>
	\$ 2253.24

Cr.

Pew Rents	99.50
Store	1875
Interest	10.
Cash	<u>16.92</u>
	\$ 14517

Dr.

Minister	83.33
Janitor	25.
Choir	62.50
Organ Boy	6.
Francis Broe	19.40
W. Bancroft	<u>13.21</u>
	\$ 2094.4

Pews were rented to the amount of
Parties removed & Pews given up
From this years rentals. Collections

Uncollected - now due

Kitchen Subscriptions	98.71	least
Entertainments	<u>131.52</u>	Abel. Spence &
	\$ 230.23	

Cr. Cash	59.60
Pew Rents	100.
Store	18.75
Interest	<u>10.</u>
	\$ 197.35

Dr.

Minister	85.
Choir	62.50
Janitor	18.75
G. H. Ryden	19.85
Organ Boy	1.
Cit. Gas Co.	7.75
Francis Broe	1.50
H. G. Wadlin	9.00
C. M. Banows	3.25
Exp on Chans	3.00
Postage	<u>1.00</u>
	\$ 212.60

Estimate

Minister	1600.
Janitor	100.
Choir	250.
Organ Boy	5.
Interest	260.
Insurance	60.
Coal	40.
Gas	38.
Taxes	<u>28</u>
	\$ 1800.
	\$ 1124.5

51.20
<u>1073.25</u>
<u>973.75</u>
\$ 99.50

210.00

\$ 230.23

Report = Billings Feb. 23, 1891.

To the members of the Christian Union Society:

the Subscription Fund

The Treasurer of
Respectfully submits the following report.

There was on hand at the annual meeting a year ago \$49.01
The subscriptions the present year have amounted to 298.18
making a total of \$347.19 to the credit of the Fund. to this
should be added \$2.55 money contributed for chairs for Unity
Hall and not expended. Also \$300. from the Proctor estate due
the Society, making a total of \$649.69. from this should be deduc-
ted \$2.30 for postage and envelopes, and \$45. paid the Treasurer
of the Society leaving a balance of \$602.39. ^{The quantity of money in} There have been
bank at the annual meeting last year was \$169.01
placed in the bank the present year \$453. there is a balance
therefore, of \$50.38 due the Fund from the Treasurer, which would
have been placed in the bank previous to this meeting had not
a serious difficulty with his eyes prevented. To the amount of
the Fund as above stated should be added the interests earned
up to April 1890, and Oct. 1890, and if the present amount in the
bank is not disturbed, the money which will have accrued in
April 1891 should also be added, these interests will amount to
probably \$18.36 making the total amount of the Fund in April 1891
\$630.75. The Treasurer feels that he ought to apologize to the Society
for not making his report in a more business-like way, but
the accounts have not been fully audited and he has been
obliged to employ other eyes to add the columns and make the
reckonings. He believes however, that these reckonings are substan-
tially correct. When his eyes will allow him he will have his
accounts fully audited and made out in proper form and
submitted in print to the Society.

W. E. Eaton Treasurer.

per M. G. Eaton.

James Reid Clark.

Meeting of the Christian Union, May 18th 1891.

A meeting was held on the above date to take action on the following letter of resignation of our Pastor Rev Don L. Stevens.

Letter.

To the Trustees, Members, and Congregation of the Christian Union.

Dear Friends,

Two years ago on the sixteenth day of Jan. last I was Ordained and installed as Pastor of this Church. During the time that I have been with you our relations have been most pleasant, that friendly feeling between Pastor and people which is so essential to the best interests of a Church has existed from the first. I ^{have} found in you true friends, loyal and helpful, and whatever success may have attended my Ministry I feel I owe to that spirit of concession, patience and forbearance, which has characterized your dealings with me.

I feel that a fair degree of prosperity has attended our work in the church, and that little is now wanting to make its sphere of usefulness larger in this community. Now that the time has come when our relations as Pastor and people must terminate, I shall go away with only the best wishes for the future success of the Christian Union, and may God's blessing be with you all in the work of the future. With this then I hand in my resignation as your Pastor to take effect June 1st 1891.

Sincerely yours,

D. L. Stevens.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, who read the foregoing letter - and on motion of William F. Skinner, Harley Pentice was chosen chairman of the meeting. Remarks explanatory of seeming delay in action of the Board of Trustees were made by one of its members, and were followed by others, when upon motion it was voted to accept the resignation tendered, and that the Board of Trustees be a Committee to reply on behalf of the Society - on motion voted to adjourn.

James Reid, Clerk.

Notice ~

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the Annual meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall on Monday evening February 29th 1892, at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles, namely:

Art. 1 - To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 - To hear the Reports of the Trustees, Treasurer, and Collector, and act thereon.

Art. 3 - To hear the Reports of all Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4 - To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Collector, and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5 - To choose a Committee on Singing, Visiting, Charity and Hospitality.

Art. 6 - To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and renting of Pews.

Art. 7 - To determine how much money shall be appropriated for current expenses and how the same shall be raised.

Art. 8 - To see if the Society will change the By-Laws so that the number of Trustees may be either three or five.

Art. 9 - To see if the Society will change the By-Laws, so that applicants for membership may sign the articles of Association and By-Laws, at any time subsequent to being voted in as members.

Art. 10 - To transact any other business which may

legally come before the meeting.

Art. 10. To see if the Society will ratify and confirm the action of the Trustees calling Rev. John B. Green to be Pastor at a yearly salary of \$1800.

On order of the Trustees
James Wight
Warren E. Eaton
Henry Robinson
James Reid, Clerk.

Reading February 20, 1892.

In accordance with the foregoing Notice, The regular Annual Meeting of the Christian Union Society was held in their Vestry Monday evening Feb. 29th at 7.30 o'clock Mr Harley Prentiss was chosen chairman, and W. F. Spinney Secretary. On motion of Mr Eaton, seconded by Mr Wight, article 10 was taken up. The communication from the Trustees to Mr Green was read, accepted and adopted, and the action of the Trustees ratified. after which Mr Green's letter of acceptance was read to the meeting, together with an explanatory letter to the Secretary. The Clerk of the Society was requested to prepare and send a suitable acknowledgement to Mr Green. (The several documents will be found of record later on) Business was resumed by consideration of Art. 2. The Trustees referred to the report of the Treasurer and adopted that as their own; The Collector also referred to the report of the Treasurer, all of which it was voted to accept. The treasurers report is herewith appended.

Art. 3. Verbal reports were made by all the Committees and the reports accepted, with the exception of the Committee on Subscription Fund, who made a detailed report which was accepted and placed on file, and is appended.

Art. 4. James Reid was elected Clerk, James Wight Warren E. Eaton & Henry Robinson were elected Trustees.

W. F. Spinney was elected Treasurer, C. B. Anggler was elected Collector. The votes for clerk being cast on one ballot by vote of the meeting, W. F. Spinney casting said ballot, the vote for Trustees being cast in the same manner, as was the vote for Collector. The vote for Treasurer was cast in like manner by H. Prentiss, and they were declared to be the officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

Art. 5 - The various Committees made verbal reports which were accepted.

Art. 6 - The whole matter by vote was left with the Trustees.

Art. 7 - was also by vote left with the Trustees.

Art. 8 - It was voted to change the By-Laws so that the number of Trustees may be three, or five, as the Society may elect.

Art. 9 - It was voted, to change the By-Laws so that applicants for membership may sign the Articles of association and By-Laws, at any time subsequent to being voted in as members, in presence of the clerk.

Art. 11 - It was voted to continue the Subscription Fund. Mrs C. W. Cochran was elected president with authority to select her assistants, and Mr Warren E. Eaton was elected Treasurer.

The following names having been presented for Membership, were voted upon and accepted

Miss Marnie Bancroft

Miss Fannie Hatfield

Silas H. Parks, M.D.

Mrs Mabel Frances Parks,

Frederick B. Cleaver M.D.

The Committee on nominations for the various Committees reported the names for the several Committees which they were authorized to revise and print.

The enclosed estimate of expense for the coming year was presented, but not acted upon. Trustees were given full powers.

The meeting then adjourned to the last Monday evening in May at 7.30 o'clock.

W. F. Spinney, Secy.

Reading March 1st 1892

Christian Union Society in ac with W. F. Spinney, Treasurer.

To paid Pulpit Supply	953.69
Choir	333.25
Janitor	100.00
Interest 250. = 10.	260.00
Insurance	56.25
Taxes	30.80
Gas	50.41
Fuel	40.40
Collectors	47.80
Repairs on Stone	40.82
W. Bancroft	13.21
Francis Bros.	19.40
Incidentals	42.12
West Somerville Society	5.00
Cash on hand	10.43
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	\$ 2003.58

Or

By Balance Mch 1 st	16.92
Rentals Hb	1175.84
Fair & Sale	312.98
Sociables	272.84
Rent of Stone	225.00
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	\$ 2003.58

Last years bills paid this year

Pulpit	* 83.33
Choir	80.75
Janitor	25.
Gas	9.
Fuel	36.80
Francis Bros	19.40
W. Bancroft	13.21
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	* 267.49

Mich '92 Bills Payable

Choir 86.50

Janitor 25.

W.P.B. Brooks & Co. 11.60
\$ 123.10

Bills Receivable

Cash 10.43

M. A. Stone 18.75

Rentals 45.
\$ 94.18

Estimated Expenses - Mich 1, '92

Pulpit 18.00.

Choir 400.

Gas 75.

Fuel 100.

Janitor 100.

Organ Boy 15.

Collector 50.

Taxes 30.

Incidentals 30.
\$ 2600.

Reading Feby 23, 1891.

The Subscription Fund in ac with W.E. Eaton, Treasr.

Dr

To Subscriptions Rec^d from April 1, 1890
to Feby 23, 1891

\$ 310.68

Proctor Note with accrued interest

433.89

\$ 744.57

Cr.

April 1 By bal. to new ac

\$ 60.00

" 15 " dep. in Bank

103.00

June 19 " " " "

50.00

Oct. 2 " " " "

300.00

Aug 16 Paid Treasurer

133.89

Feb. 13 91 " " "

45.00

Carried over

\$ 691.89

brought up
 Feby 23 By bal. to new ac \$ 691.87
 52.68 \$ 744.57

Audited and found correct

W. F. Spinney.

Reading Feby 27, 1892.

The
 Subscription Fund in ac with W. E. Eaton, Treasurer.

Dr.

April 1, 1891 To Bal \$ 52.68
 Feby 29 " Subscrip. rec'd 220.50 \$ 273.18

Cr.

April 15, 1891 By dep. in Bank \$ 20.00
 July 1 " Cash paid Mrs. F. F. Brown 100.00
 " 27 " " for repairs on Organ 25.00
 " 29 " " " " " 25.00
 Oct. 24 " " " " " " 25.00
 1892
 Feby 29 " dep. in Bank 78.00
 273.00
 Feby 29 Bal. due .18 \$ 273.18

Audited & found correct,

W. F. Spinney.

Reading Feb. 10th 1892.

Rev. John B. Green Cambridgeport Mass.

Dear Sir,

The secretary of the board of
 Trustees of the Christian Union Society of this town, has
 been instructed by them to send you a copy of the
 notice read from their pulpit on Sunday last, and also
 an account of the meeting held in response to said notice.

Important Notice.

Every member of this Society & Congregation is earnestly

invited to meet with the Trustees in Unity Hall,
tomorrow, Monday evening, at eight o'clock.

Matters of the utmost importance to every individual
member of this Congregation will be presented to you,
and your counsel and Co-operation is desired.

Pursuant to said Call, the largest and most enthusiastic
meeting the Society has ever held, was convened at
the above time and place; Mr Chauncy P. Judd was
elected Chairman of the meeting, and W. F. Spinney
Secretary. Mr James Wight offered the following mot-
ion which was seconded by Mr Warren E. Eaton.

Moved. That the Trustees be authorized and instructed
to invite the Rev. John B. Green to become our Pastor
at a Salary of \$1,500. per annum.

After a Sociable of
half an hour, in which it was developed that numerous
Citizens not connected with the Society were also anx-
ious Mr Green should settle among us, a vote was called
the Chairman requested all in favor to "stand up and
be Counted." Every person in the Hall "stood". This
Meeting was an informal one. The Annual Meeting
will take place Monday eve Feb. 29th when the above
action will be ratified.

It is hoped this action will be
agreeable to you, and that you can see it in the line of
duty to respond favorably to our call.

Very Respectfully Yours
For the Trustees W. F. Spinney
Secretary.

Cambridge
Feb. 29th 1892.

To the members
of the Christian Union Society
Reading.

Brethren & Friends:

In reply to your cordial

invitation to me to become your Pastor, let me say that after deliberate & mature consideration, I feel moved to accept on the following conditions, viz: that the month of August shall be given me for a vacation, & that if either party wishes to sever the relation, it can be done by giving three months notice in writing.

I cannot let the present opportunity pass without sincerely thanking the Society for the confidence they have reposed in me, & the patience with which they have waited for my reply. It is my earnest desire that the relation of Pastor and People thus pleasantly formed, may long continue & be a mutual satisfaction & benefit, & be productive of much good to the community where our lot is cast.

earnest wish & prayer that all our efforts in behalf of Truth & Righteousness may have the approval of our Common Lord & Master and the blessing of the God our Father of us all, I am in the bonds of Christian love & fellowship

Sincerely

Yours

John B. Green.

James Reid Clark.

1893.

Annual Meeting Feb. 27th 1893

Notice.

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall on Monday evening February 27th 1893. at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following Articles, namely:

Art. 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.

To hear the Reports of the Trustees, Treasurer, and Collector, and act thereon.

Art. 3.

To hear the Report of the Treasurer of the Subscription Fund, and act thereon; also to see if the Society will continue the Subscription Fund, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 4.

To hear and act on the Reports of all Committees.

Art. 5.

To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and Collector, and all other necessary Officers, for the ensuing year.

Art. 6.

To choose a Committee on Singing, Praying, Charity, and Hospitality.

Art. 7.

To see what action the Society will take in relation to the Appraisal and renting of Pews.

Art. 8.

To determine how much money shall be appropriated for Current expenses, and how the same shall be raised.

Art. 9.

To transact any other business which shall legally come before the meeting.

Annual Meeting Feb 27th 1893.

Per Order : James Wight
Warren E. Eaton } Trustees.
Henry Robinson }
James Reid, Clerk.

Reading Feb 20th 1893.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice a meeting was held at the the time and place specified - the notice was read by the Clerk, and under.

Article 1. Harley Prentiss was chosen Chairman.

Article 2. Report of the Treasurer and the Collector, read and accepted. Verbal report of Trustees, accepted.

Article 3. Report of Treasurer of Subscription Fund read and accepted.

on motion of James Wight Voted: to continue said Fund.

Article 4. The various Committees made verbal reports, which were accepted by vote of the meeting -
Committee on (supper) Refreshments

The Society has given two suppers since the last annual meeting. The first one June tenth, (served after a musicale which was under the direction of Miss Chadbourne), the net proceeds of which were forty six dollars and twenty cents. And the other in December, which netted the sum of forty-one dollars and ten cents.

Edna L. Wight,

February 27, 1893.

The above was by vote of the meeting, accepted.

Article 5. on Motion Voted: that the Chairman cast one vote for James Reid for Clerk of the Society, and he was declared elected Clerk.

Annual Meeting Feb. 27th 1893.

Article 5. On Motion Voted. that the Chairman be instructed to cast one vote for the present Board of Trustees to serve for the ensuing year. Mr James Wight declined to serve and on motion, voted: that the Clerk be instructed to cast one vote for A. Newell Bower for Trustee - and Henry Robinson, Warren E. Eaton, and A. Newell Bower were declared elected Trustees for the ensuing year.

On motion, Voted: that the Clerk cast one vote for William F. Spinney for Treasurer for the ensuing year, and William F. Spinney was declared elected.

On motion, Voted: that the Clerk cast one vote for Otis B. Ruggles for Collector, and Otis B. Ruggles was declared elected.

On motion, Voted: that the Clerk cast one vote for Warren E. Eaton for Treasurer of the Subscription Fund for the ensuing year, and Warren E. Eaton was declared elected.

Article 6. The following committees were chosen -
Committee on Membership.

The Pastor.

William F. Spinney - C. F. Brooks - Mrs L. P. Judd.
Mrs Horace E. Ames - Mrs Pinkham - Miss Olive Prescott.

Committee on Hospitality
Mrs Henry Robinson.

Mr & Mrs L. P. Judd	Mrs. S. M. Ball
Mr & Mrs James Wight	Mr Henry Robinson
Mr & Mrs Chas. Cochran	Miss Nabel Robinson
Mr & Mrs Harley Prentiss	Miss Mamie Hatfield
Mr & Mrs John Spinney	Master Harry Cook
Mr & Mrs E. F. Brooks	Master Edwin Sheak
Mr & Mrs A. N. Bowers	

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Committee on Charity.

Mrs Hubbard & Co. Mrs Geo F. Buck. Mrs Anna Appleton.
The Pastor.

Committee on Visiting.

The Pastor.

Mrs F. F. Brown, Mrs Margaret Pinkham, Mrs A. F. Converse,
Mrs W. E. Eaton, Mrs B. Loring Miss E. M. Brown.
Miss Edith Judd.

Committee on Singing.

A. Newell Hower.

James Wight. Warren E. Eaton.

Committee on Decoration.

Miss Eames Miss Bancroft, Mrs Gowing,
Mrs Hatfield. Mrs A. J. Francis Mrs Jenkins
Miss Olive Prescott, Miss Reid Miss Dinewood
Miss Mabel Robinson Miss Margaret Eaton.
Master Harry Cook Master Edwin Sheak.

Committee on Entertainments.

Mrs Guild, Chairman.

Mrs Charles Cochrane, Mrs Harley Prentiss, Mrs A. E. Hatfield,
Mrs E. H. Gowing, Miss Abby Spinney, Miss Lizzie Cox.
Miss J. H. Chadbourne, Miss Blanche Robinson, Miss Fannie Hatfield,
Miss Fannie Smith, Miss H. Burrill, Miss Kittie Brown,
Miss Bertha Rich, Miss Grace Rich, Mrs Lillian Wolcott,
Miss Nettie Wolcott, A. Newell Hower, W. E. Clark, E. N. Hunt,
Charles Loring, Ira Gray, Wilfred Bancroft, A. P. Dane.

Committee on Refreshments

Mrs Dane Mrs James Wight, Mrs Geo. F. Buck.
Mrs Lucelia Walker, Mrs George Parker, Mrs F. F. Brown.
Mrs Elbridge Smith, Mrs A. N. Hower, Mrs Horace Stone,

over

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Mrs Henry Robinson, Mrs E. N. Hunt,
Mrs Dudley Hunt, Mrs F. H. Choate,
Mrs Charles A. Loring, Mrs Symonds,

Committee on Subscription Fund.

Warren E. Eaton, Treasurer.

Mrs Charles Cochran, Mrs F. F. Brown,
W. L. Ruggles.

Art. 7- On motion voted that the appraisals and sale of Pews be the same as last year

Art. 8- On motion voted, that the following amounts be raised in the same manner as last year, as follows;

Pulpit	\$1800.
Choir	400.
Gas	75-
Fuel	100.
Janitor	100.
Organ boy	15-
Collector	50.
Taxes	30.
Incidentals	<u>30</u>
	\$ 2600.

Treasurers Statement (written)

Pews	\$ 1218.70	
Subscriptions	878.53	
Sociables &c	476.55	
Collections	77.88	
W. E. Eaton	400.00	
Rent	225.00	\$ 3276.66

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Pulpit	\$ 1800.
Choir	463.45-
Janitor	125.
Collector	47.32
Gas	38.17
Interest	260.
Fuel	130.85-
Insurance	15.60
Carpenter	34.66
Mason	20.
Brockery	22.76
Hardware &c	47.10
Taxes	32.30
A. U. Ass	60.
A. S. S. Ass	10.
E. Somerville	10.
Settees	16.35-
Mats	11.60
Express	11.90
Printing	8.50
Postage	1.20
Flowers	1.25-
Piano Tuning	3.50
Screens	.95-
Teaming	4.00
Carpets & Windows	2.65-
M. A. Stone	1.39
Sunday school	1.13
Mr & Mrs Green	30.00
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	\$ 3211.63
Cash on hand	65.03
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	\$ 3276.66

On motion voted to dissolve the meeting

James Reid, Clerk.

Special Meeting May 22^d 1893.

Notice.

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall, on Monday evening May 22^d 1893 at 7.30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said Meeting.

Article 2.

To consider and act on the following matter—

Whereas the Christian Church is a natural outgrowth of the teaching, spirit, and life of Jesus Christ; and whereas, we know of no divine institution among men, and believing that individuals and Communities have been, and are still ^{religiously} benefited by Jesus' teaching and example, and the nurture of the Church; and being desirous of profiting to the full, by the influence of all Christian ordinances, we here by vote to accept as part of the regular services of this Christian Union, the administration of Baptism and the Lords Supper, to be participated in by all who may desire to do so.

Per order of Henry Robinson
Warren E. Eaton } Trustees.
A. Newell Hower }

Reading May 13, 1893.

In accordance with the foregoing notice a meeting of the Christian Union was held at the time and place designated. The meeting was called to order by the clerk who read the notice, and under.

Article 1 - A. Newell Hower chosen Chairman -

Article 2 - On motion of Warren E. Eaton, seconded by Henry Robinson, after suitable discussion of the subject by several of the members present,

Special Meeting May 22, 1893.

it was unanimously voted: that we hereby adopt as part of the regular services of the Christian Union Church the administration of Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, to be participated in by all who may desire to do so.

On motion, voted: to dissolve this meeting.

James Reid, Clerk.

Special Meeting October 9th 1893.
Notice.

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the Society will be held in ^{Unity Hall} on Monday Evening October 9th 1893. at 7.30 to act on the following Articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see what action the Society will take in regard to heating the Church Building and Unity Hall, and what provision they will make for raising ^{money} for defraying the necessary expense of the same.

Per Order, Henry Robinson
Warren E. Eaton } Trustees
A. Newell Howe }
James Reid, Clerk

Reading Sept. 30th 1893.

A meeting of the Christian was held at the time and place designated and was called to order by the Clerk who read the Notice and under

Article 1. Warren E. Eaton was chosen chairman.

Article 2. The Trustees made a statement as to the different methods and cost of heating and after

some discussion, it was voted that the Trustees be authorized to pursue such course as they shall think

and it was further voted: That the Trustees be instructed to borrow for the Society, such sum of money as they find necessary for the purpose.

A motion voted that this meeting be adjourned without day.

James Reid, Clerk.

Notice.

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall on Monday evening February 26th 1894 at 7.30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles, namely:

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting -

Article 2.

To hear and act on the Reports of the Treasurer, Trustees, and Collector -

Article 3.

To hear the Report of the Treasurer of the Subscription Fund, and act thereon; also to see if the Society will continue the subscription fund, or what they will do in relation thereto; Also to hear and act on the Reports of all other Committees.

Article 4.

To Choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and Collector, and all other necessary officers, for the ensuing year.

Article 5.

To choose a Committee on Singing, Visiting, Charity and Hospitality -

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Article 6.

To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and renting of Pews for the ensuing year.

Article 7.

To determine how much money shall be appropriated for current expenses, and how the same shall be raised.

Article 8.

To transact any other business which shall legally come before the meeting.

Per Order - Henry Robinson
Warren E. Eaton } Trustees
A. Newell Hoopes }
James Reid, Clerk.

Reading Feb. 16, 1894.

In accordance with the foregoing Notice a meeting of the Christian Union was held at the time and place designated therein, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, who read the notice, and under

Article 1. Henry Robinson was chosen Chairman.

The Clerk presented the names of Albert Dams and Charles M. Horton, who had made application for membership, and on motion they were unanimously elected, and signed the By-Laws -

Article 2 W. F. Spinney the Treasurer made the following Report.

W. F. Spinney Treasurer in & with Christian Union Society, Year ending March 1, 1894.

Pews	42.49	Prentiss	x	\$ 100.
	48.50	Prescott		28.
	10. -	Eaton		25.
	31.25	Cochrane	x	20.50
	<hr/> 132.24			<hr/> 173.50

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Pews	* 132.24.		* 173.50
11.25	Cox	x	45.01
82. —	Robinson		30. —
17.50	Cunt E. A		10. —
15. —	Prescott		65. —
20. —	Cochrane	x	58. —
8.75	Cox	x	16. —
26. —	Wight		80. —
51.25	Francis Bros		25. —
79. —	Reid		10. —
10. —	Robinson		25. —
27.50	Eaton		25. —
13.50	Judd		50. —
23.75	Eaton	x	187.67
95. —	do	x	12.33
33.75	Cunt D.		50. —
38.75	Cochrane		50. —
38.75	Prescott		15. —
54. —	Robinson		50. —
28.75	Eaton	x	116.36
16.25	Wight		50. —
22.25	Warfield	x	6.24
2.50	Eaton		2.18
55.25	Prescott		15. —
26.25			<u>* 1167.29</u>
	96.50		
	<u>* 1025.74</u>		

Cash Mch 1/93	65.03	Subscriptions	* 622.90
Pews	1025.74	Entertainments	<u>544.39</u>
Subscription	622.90		* 1167.29
Entertainments	544.39		
Store Rents	<u>225.00</u>		
	* 2483.06		

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Sundries	Choir	
		\$ 6.50
		25. —
Mrs W.	4.21	18.75
	1.40	18.75
Francis Prov.	6.30	15.60
B. R. & Co.	7.50	12.50
Township	6.25	4.25
Taxes	34.20	25. —
	1.80	18.75
	1.75	2.25
Temple	12.23	18.75
	2.63	15.60
	2.50	12.50
	1. —	18.75
Collector	5.12	25. —
"	6.87	4.25
"	10.65	18.75
"	21.80	9.60
Janitor	50. —	\$ 270.55
Gas	33.27	
Fuel	25. —	
	\$ 235.48	

Interest	250. —
Insurance	110. —
Choir	270.55
Sundries	235.48
Pulpit	1600. —
	\$ 2466.03

Receipts		\$ 2483.06
Expenditures		2466.03
Cash on hand		\$ 17.03
Due Mr Green	200.	409.35
" Janitor	50.	
" Choir	107.60	
" Beal & Rickford	51.75	
	409.35	

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on motion voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

The Collector was not present, the Treasurer stated that the amount stated in his (the Treasurer's) report, was the correct amount collected.

Mr Warren E. Eaton read the Trustees Report which follows.

Reading Feby 26, 1894

Your Trustees beg leave to report as follows:

By the Treasurers report, as you will see, we came to the end of our fiscal year with a deficit of \$392.42 To this must be added \$285 still due on the heating apparatus, making in all a liability of \$677.42

To offset this we have on hand in cash or in the Bank, \$174.12; and probable receipts amounting to \$338, - making a total of \$512.12, this amount deducted from the total liability of \$677.42 gives \$165.30, Deducting further the rent of Store due on March 1, amounting to \$18.75, the net liabilities will figure at \$146.55 of this \$146.55, \$125 will be the amount still due upon the heating apparatus. the balance \$21.55 is the amount we are behind-hand on the regular appropriations

You will see that by this calculation, had it not been for the \$420 expense for heating, of which \$295 have, or will be paid, we should have closed the year with \$273.45 in the treasury; and should we add the heavy premium \$110 paid for insurance, we should now have nearly \$400 ahead -

Your Trustees were in hopes that the Society would be able to do as well the coming year as for the past two; But the experience of those who have

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Canvassed its members for subscriptions the coming year to meet the ordinary expenses, leads us to think that our income will be very much curtailed. Your Trustees have gone over the ground very carefully, and they estimate the receipts and expenditures the coming year

Floating Liabilities	\$ 146.55	Subscriptions	\$ 550.
Janitor	100.	Pew rentals	1000.
Heating & Lighting	100.	Rent of Store	225.
Tax	35.	Pewing Subscription	200.
Int. on Mortgage	250.	Miscell. Entertainment	375.
Insurance	25.		
Painting Church	100.		
Choir	400.		
Wear & tear	25.		
Total	\$ 1181.55	Total	\$ 2350.

leaving a balance of \$ 1168.45—

Warren E. Eaton

Trustees.

On motion voted to accept the report.

Article 3. The report of the Treasurer of the Subscription Fund was read by Warren E. Eaton the Treasurer, and was on motion, accepted and follows.

Reading Feby 26, 1894 Subscription Fund is up with W. E. Eaton Treasr.

1893 Apr. 1	To bal from 1892	\$ 1133. ⁸⁹³	Dr. 30. by money paid for furnace	\$ 25.00
Nov 3	Money from Rk for Furnace	100.00	" " " "	100.00
1894 Feby 18	Subscription received	64.00	Nov. 16 " " " "	for cold air box 17.00
" "	balance	.01	Dec. 1 " " " "	the Treasurer's Spinning 21.00
		\$ 175.34	" 27 " " " "	for gas stove 10.00
			1894 Jan. 13 " " " "	outside furnace box 2.34
				\$ 175.34

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Article 4 - On motion, voted; that the chairman of the Board of Trustees be instructed to cast one vote for James Reid, for clerk, and he was declared elected.

On motion of Warren E. Eaton, it was voted: that the Board of Trustees consist of five, instead of three. the following named persons were nominated for Trustees, viz: Warren E. Eaton, A. Newell Bowes, Charles W. Horton, Mr James Wight, and Miss Olive A. Prescott; It was voted that Bailey Prentiss be authorized to cast one ballot for the nominees, for Trustees, and they were declared elected.

William F. Shimney was duly chosen Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

Otis B. Ruggles was duly chosen Collector for the ensuing year.

Article 5. The following Committees were chosen
Committee on Singing.

A. Newell Bowes, James Wight, Warren E. Eaton.

Committee on Visiting.

The Pastor

Mrs. F. F. Brown Mrs. Margaret Pinkham Mrs. A. F. Bourne.
Mrs W. E. Eaton Mrs. Gustavus Loring Miss E. M. Brown
Miss Edith Judd.

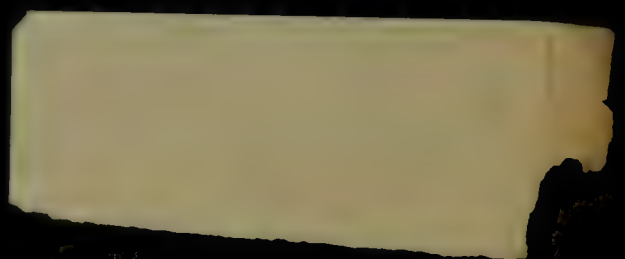
Committee on Charity.

Mrs. Hubbard E. Cox Mrs. George F. Buck Miss Anna Appleton
The Pastor

Trustees, see above.

A. N. Bowes. Mrs James Wight Warren E. Eaton
C. W. Horton Miss Olive A. Prescott

Blanche Robinson admette
Feb 23, 1891 not signed



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Committee on Hospitality.

Mrs Henry Robinson.

Mr & Mrs. E. P. Judd Mrs S M Ball

Mr & Mrs. James Wight Mr Henry Robinson

Mr & Mrs. Charles Cochran Miss Mabel Robinson.

Mr & Mrs. Harley Prentiss Miss Annie Catfield

Mr & Mrs John Phinney Master Harry Cook

Mr & Mrs E. F. Brooks Master Edwin Sheak

Mr & Mrs A. A. Howes

Committee on Decorations.

Miss Eames Miss Bancroft Mrs Gowing

Mrs Catfield Mrs A. J. Francis Mrs Jenkins

Miss Olive Prescott Miss Reid Miss Dinsmoor

Miss Mabel Robinson Miss Margaret Eaton

Master Harry Cook Master Edwin Sheak

Committee on Entertainments.

Voted to authorize the Board of Trustees to appoint
Committee on Entertainment.

Refreshments Committee.

Voted that Trustees appoint Refreshments Committee.

Article 6. On motion voted that Pew Rentals be five
dollars per sitting as in previous years.

Article 7. Moved by Harley Prentiss that it is the sense
of this meeting that \$1500 be paid for supply of the
Pulpit, and that the Trustees be authorized to offer
our Pastor John B. Green that sum as salary for the
ensuing year. Voted

Moved by Warren E. Eaton that the Penny Contribution
be adopted, and details be left in the hands of the
Trustees

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Report.

Reading Feby 26 1894

1893.		Church Contributions in $\frac{1}{2}$ with W.E. Eaton Treasurer	
Oct. 8		to Contribution received	\$ 13.57
" 13		" Money rec'd from Mrs Robinson	.25
Nov. 5		" Contribution received	24.20
" 6		" Money received from Mrs Judd	1.00
" 12		" " " Miss Prescott	.45
" "		" " " Mrs Wight	1.00
Dec. 7		" " " Brown	.25
1894.			
Jan. 14		" Contribution received	12.62
			\$ 53.28
1893.			
Oct. 18		By Money deposited in Bank	\$ Cr. 15.00
Nov. 6		" " " " "	25.00
1894.			
Jan. 17		" " " " "	12.00
Feby 18		" balance	1.28
			\$ 53.28

On motion, voted that the thanks of the Society be extended to the Decoration Committee, and the Dramatic Club for their very acceptable services in aid of the Society during the past year.

On motion voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest: James Reid, Clerk.

Annual Meeting Feb 25th 1895-

Notice.

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall on Monday evening February 25th 1895- at 7.30 o'clock to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.

To hear and act on the Reports of the Treasurer, Collector, and Trustees, also to hear and act on the Reports of all other Committees.

Article 3.

To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Collector, and ~~Trustees~~ all other necessary Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4.

To choose a Committee on Singing, Visiting, Charity, and Hospitality, and all other necessary committees.

Article 5.

To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and rental of Pews for the ensuing year.

Article 6.

To determine how much money the Society will appropriate for Current expenses, and how the same shall be raised.

Article 7.

To transact any other business which shall legally come before the meeting.

A. Newell Howes }
Charles M. Horton } Trustees.
Olive A. Prescott }
James Reid, Clerk.

Annual Meeting Feb. 28th 1895.

A meeting was held in accordance with the foregoing notice, at the time and place designated therein, the meeting was called to order by the clerk, who read the notice, and under

Article 1.

A. Newell Bowes was chosen chairman.

Article 2.

W. F. Spinney read his Report, which follows:

W. F. Spinney Treasurer in ~~the~~ with
Christian Union Society Reading.

Mo. 1194	Cash on Hand	\$ 16.93
Rec ^d	from O. B. Ruggles, Collector	921.75
"	Subscriptions &c	706.67
"	Trustees	300.00
	Entertainments	615.65
	Miss O. A. Prescott	53.16
	M. A. Stone, Rent.	225.00
		<u>\$ 2839.16</u>

Dr.	Paid Minister	\$ 1575.00
"	" Choir	444.17
"	" Janitor	108.82
	Gas	51.65
	Fuel	74.95
	Interest	250.00
	Taxes	29.45
	Furnaces	100.00
	Insurance	51.25
	Incidentals	93.07
	Collector	39.00

March 1, 1895. Cash on Hand 21.80 \$ 2839.16

on motion, voted, to lay report on table.

The Collector made verbal Report that the amount collected was all paid over to the Treasurer, the treasurer

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confirmed the truth of the statement, as did also the
Chairman of the meeting, one of the Trustees.

A. Newell Bowes read the Report of the Trustees, as
follows

Trustee's Report.

Reading Mass. February 25/95

The Trustees beg leave to make the following report.
During the past year the Church has been newly carpet-
ed and frescoed and the outside of both the Church
and Unity Hall has been painted. The Carpet was bou-
ght by the Ladies of the Sewing Circle with money
earned by them. This was accomplished by hard,
persistent work and frugal savings, and they are
certainly entitled to the sincere thanks of the Society
for this special evidence of their devotion, which has
extended over so many years. The money for the frescoing
was furnished by two of the Ladies, also of the Sewing
Circle, who were very desirous that this needed renov-
ation should be done before the carpet was laid.
The Church is holden for this expense only by a
moral obligation, and the Trustees accepted the money
with this understanding, and we think we voice
the feeling of this Society in saying their generous act
is fully appreciated. The money for the outside pai-
nting was raised by subscriptions solicited by our
Pastor, Mr. Green. A tablet suitably inscribed has been
placed on the front of the Church. this was the gift
to the Society from Miss Anna E. Appleton, and is
most thankfully accepted. The Church property is now
in excellent condition and all the repairs and
improvements have been paid for, excepting a small
balance due on one of the furnaces. The financial
condition is not as favorable as we wish. The Gleaners
and the Young people have worked hard and added
largely to our revenue, toward current expenses, yet,

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 notwithstanding all our combined efforts, we
 must report a deficit as per statement herewith.

Resources		Liabilities	
Cash on hand	21.80	Minister's Salary Feb'y 28 th	125.00
Subscription List	15.00	Due on Furnaces	87.00
Pew rentals (good)	100.00	" " Loan	200.00
Store rent Feb'y 28	18.75		
Deficit	256.45		
	412.00		412.00

The amount is not large, but your Trustees are unanimous
 in the opinion that the expenses for the coming year
 should be so adjusted ~~that~~ to our income that this
 deficit may be decreased and not be allowed to grow
 any larger.

Respectfully submitted
 A. McHower,

Chairman of Trustees.

on motion voted to accept the report

Report of Committee on Charity.

For Thanksgiving collection

Received \$ 19.01

The second Call, received 14.60
 \$ 33.61

Distributed 19.00

have on hand for Distribution \$ 14.61

L. P. Cox

Chairman.

Other Committees made verbal reports, the Chairman
^{stated} that acts of the several Committees were sufficient
 proof of the efficiency of several Committees.

Article 3.

On motion, voted that the Chairman be instructed to
 cast one vote for James Reid for clerk for the ensuing
 year, and James Reid was declared elected.

Action on article 3 was not had till after
article 6 had been acted upon and should
follow article 6 in the record - art 3 was
laid on the table and article 6 taken up.

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on motion, voted: that the Clerk be instructed to cast one vote for A. Newell Bowes, Charles W. Horton, Miss Olive A. Prescott, Albert P. Dane, and Emma M. Brown for Trustees for the ensuing year, and they were declared chosen. Article 3^d was laid on the table.

on motion voted to take from the table the Treasurer's Report. On motion, voted: that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Article 3 was taken from the table, and it was on motion Voted that the Clerk be instructed to cast one vote for W. T. Spinney for Treasurer for the ensuing year, and he was declared elected.

on motion voted

Article 6

on motion voted that the society raise and appropriate the sum of \$625. for current expenses for the ensuing year not including the expense of a choir or the supply of the Pulpit.

On motion, Voted: that the Society raise and appropriate the sum of \$325. for defraying the expense of a choir for the ensuing year, and that the Trustees be authorized to dispense with their services if they consider it for the best interest of the Society so to do.

On motion Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200. for the supply of the Pulpit for the ensuing year

Article 4.

on motion, voted: that the Committees on Singing, Visiting, Hospitality, Charity, Decoration, Entertainment and Refreshments be the same as last year, and that the Chairmen of the several Committees be instructed to fill all vacancies that occur.

Article 5.

On motion, Voted: that the appraisal of Pews be the same, as in previous years, five dollars per sitting.

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and that the rental be on Thursday evening
March 7th 1895.

Article 7.

The names of Harry Cook and Mabel La Clair
were presented for membership.

On motion the meeting
was adjourned till two weeks from tonight at 8
o'clock March 11th 1895.

James Reid, Clerk.

March 11th 1895.—

Met according to adjournment.

The Sewing Circle, through Miss Anna
Appleton, presented the Society, the sum of
Thirty-five Dollars, the same to be applied to
the payment of the current expenses of the
society.

On motion of George F. Buck it was voted, that
the thanks of the Society be extended to the
Sewing Circle for their generous gift; and
that the vote be spread upon the records.

On motion of George F. Buck voted that this
meeting be dissolved

Attest:

James Reid
Clerk.

Special Meeting September 26th 1895.

Notice.

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall, Reading, on Thursday evening September 26th 1895 at 7.30 o'clock, to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting

Article 2. To take action on the communication from our Pastor, in regard to his resignation.

Article 3. To transact any other business which shall legally come before said meeting.

Per Order

A. N. Hawes

E. M. Brown

Charles W. Horton

Olive A. Prescott.

} Trustees

James Reid, Clerk.

Reading Sept-16th 1895.

A meeting was held in accordance with the foregoing notice, at the time and place therein specified, and was called to order by the Clerk, who read the notice, and under Article 1.

George F. Buck was chosen Chairman; on motion of A. N. Hawes, Article 2 was laid on the table and article 3, taken up for action; the names of Wang Cook, and Mabel La Blair, were presented as applicants for membership, and on motion, voted: that the Clerk cast two votes in favor of their admission, which was done, and they were declared elected.

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On motion, Voted: to lay article 3, on the table and take up Article 2. after full consideration and consultation, and the reading of the communication referred to in article 2. which is as follows.

Reading Sept. 15th 1895.

To The Christian Union Church and Society

Dear Brethren & Friends:

For reasons which I deem good & sufficient, not necessary or best here to state, I feel that I must resign my position as your Pastor, to take effect according to the terms on which the Call was accepted, unless sooner mutually agreed upon.

Respectfully
John B. Green.

It was moved by Charles M. Horton, and seconded, that the resignation tendered by our Pastor be accepted; to take effect October 1st 1895.

Article 3. A statement of the financial condition of the society was made by the chairman of the Board of Trustees, showing an indebtedness to the Pastor of \$400. and ways and means for payment of the same was considered.

Olive A. Prescott made personal application to the Clerk for membership in the society.

On motion of Charles M. Horton, Voted: that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday evening October 1st 1895. at 8 o'clock.

James Rier. Clerk.

Special Meeting September 26, 1895.
met Oct. 1st as per adjournment
proceedings of the previous session read by the
Clerk. Habel S. Le Blair signed the By Laws
and became a member.

Article 3 was taken up for action.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees informed the
meeting, that measures taken for the collection of
a sufficient sum to pay the indebtedness of the
Society to our late Pastor, had been so far success-
ful, as that \$335.- had been collected, and that
our Treasurer had generously offered to supply the
deficiency of \$65. to be repaid to him from the
quarterly collections soon due. this solution of what
seemed rather a difficult problem was very pleasing
to the Society.

The question of supplying the Pulpit
was then discussed, and on motion of William
F. Spinney, our Treasurer, it was voted; That the
Trustees be fully authorized to attend to the
matter, as their best judgment shall approve.

On motion voted that this meeting do now
adjourn, without day.

Attest: James Reid, Clerk.

Annual Meeting Feb. 24, 1896.

Notice.

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall, on Monday evening February 24th 1896, at 7.30 o'clock, to act on the following articles viz:

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting

Article 2.

To hear and act on the Reports of the Treasurer, Collector, and Trustees, also to hear and act on the Reports of All Committees.

Article 3.

To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Collector, and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4.

To choose a Committee on Singing, Visiting, Charity, and Hospitality, and all other necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Article 5.

To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and rental of Pews for the ensuing year.

Article 6.

To see what action the Society will take in regard to supplying the Pulpit the ensuing year.

Article 7.

To determine how much money the Society will appropriate for Current expenses, and how the same shall be raised.

Article 8.

To transact any other business which shall legally come before the meeting.

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A. A. Howes

Charles H. Barton

Emma M. Brown

Olive A. Prescott

Albert P. Dane

Trustees.

James Reid, Clerk.

Reading Feb. 15. 1896.

A meeting of the Society was held in accordance with the foregoing notice, at the time and place therein specified, and was called to order by the Clerk,

Article 1. George F. Buck was chosen Chairman

Article 2. The Treasurer made his Report, and on motion voted: that the report be accepted. the Report follows.

Treasurer's Report.

W. F. Spinney Treasurer in ag with

The Christian Union Society

Dr.

1895 March Cash on hand

\$ 21.80

Sewing Circle

35. —

Fair Dramatic & Entertainment

267.96

Subscriptions & Envelopes

617.38

Store Rent

225. —

Pew Rents u

714.50

Collections A. U. A.

33.30

C. D. Wright Note & Interest

211.27

2126.21

Due Treasury

101.91

2228.12

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W. F. Spinney in ap with Treasurer	
Christian Union Society Br.	
Paid Pulpit Supply	\$ 1110. —
Interest	250. —
Magee Furnace Co.	85. —
Floating Debt	50. —
Choir	235. 40
Janitor	88. 65
Gas	40. 73
Town Tax	29. 45
Insurance	18. 25
Coal	11. —
Organ	10. —
Sundries	27. 82
A. U. A.	30. 05
Miss Clapp. Note & Int. - C. D. Wright	211. 27
Collector	<u>30. 50</u>
	2228. 12

The Collector made a verbal report stating his receipts for pew-rentals as paid Treasurer, as per Treas. report, which was accepted by vote.

714. 00

714. 50

The Trustees Report was read by A. N. Bowes Chairman, and appears later, and was accepted by vote of the Society.

The verbal report of the ^{visiting} Committee was accepted -
The Com. on Charity reported on hand & receipts, 19. 01

Amount expended 17. 85
balance on hand 1. 16

Report accepted -

Decoration Com. reported Cash received \$10. 00

flowers furnished almost every meeting during the year vote of thanks extended to the Com.

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for their very efficient service during the year - Entertainment Com. The financial report of the Committee is given in connection with the Treasurers Report.

Article 3 Moved by A. Newell Howes, and voted, that the Chairman cast one vote for James Reid for Clerk, and James Reid was declared elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

Moved by A. Newell Howes, that the Chairman be instructed to cast one vote for Geo. F. Buck, Charles M. Horton, Abby⁶ Clapp, Emma M. Brown, and Albert P. Dane, for a Board of Trustees for the ensuing year, the motion was carried, the above named persons were declared duly elected.

Voted to instruct the Clerk to cast one vote for W. F. Spinney for Treasurer for the ensuing year, the motion was carried W. F. Spinney declared duly elected Treas^r.

Voted, to instruct the Chairman to cast one vote for Otis B. Ruggles for Collector, and he was declared duly elected Collector, for the ensuing year.

Voted that Olive A. Prescott continue to have charge of the envelope fund as she previously has had.

On motion of Olive A. Prescott, voted: to choose by nomination a Committee of three, to nominate all other Committees, and report at an adjourned meeting, voted: Olive A. Prescott, Abby M. Spinney, and Mary A. Bancroft were nominated and chosen such Com.

Miss Spinney of the nominating Com. nominated A. Newell Howes to act as a Committee of one on singing untill said Committee make further report, and it was so voted.

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On motion of Warren E. Eaton voted to adjourn this meeting two weeks to March 9th 1896 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

Monday evening March 9th 1896

met as per adjournment -

no quorum being present it was voted to further adjourn to Thursday March 12th 1896 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

Chas. M. Horton Sec. pro tem.

Thursday March 12th 1896

Met as per adjournment -

Art. 4 The committee on nominations reported as follows -
Report.

In preparing this list the Committee have taken the names of the pewholders for the past year, they do not consider the Committees complete, and would suggest that the Chairman of each Committee be authorized to add to the number, and also to fill all vacancies.

The Entertainment and Refreshment Committees have been made large, in order that the work may be divided up and not fall so heavily on a few. The Committee submit the following list to the Society.

Charity.

Mrs Hubbard Cox, Mrs Horace Eames, Miss Eliza Brown -

Singing

Mr. A. N. Howe, Miss Laura Dinsmore, Mr Charles Cochrane -

Hospitality, and Visiting -

Mrs James Wight

Mr James Wight

" Henry Robinson

Mr Henry Robinson

" A. N. Howe

" A. N. Howe

" J. C. Plimney

" J. C. Plimney

" W. E. Eaton

" W. E. Eaton

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Adjournment to March 12, 1896.

Mrs Harley Prentiss	Mr Harley Prentiss
" Charles Cochrane	" Charles Cochrane
Mrs Herbert Barrows	Mrs Rounds.
Mrs Margaret Pinkham	Mrs Caroline Phipps

Decorations-

Miss Minnie Eames	Miss Mary Bancroft
Miss Anna P. Reid	Miss Maria Baker
" Eva Litchfield	" Bertha Brown
" Blanche Pinney	" Vera Isbel
" Bessie Hyde	" Laura Hyde
" Delia Converse	" Mabel Hunter

Refreshments.

Mrs Elbridge Smith.

Mrs Hubbard Cox	Mrs E. N. Hunt
" Lucelia Walker	" Richard Francis
" George Parker	" Griffin
" Dudley Hunt	" Elmer Carr
" George Buck	" E. A. Hyde
" A. N. Homes	" W. F. Ruggles
" A. J. Francis	" Anna Hatfield
" M. W. Lowd	" C. F. Kemith
" Newton Symonds	" George Sherman
" A. P. Dane	" W. Green
" Mrs Stimpson Richardson	" Choate
Miss Spinney	" Horace Brown

Entertainments-

Miss Abby Clapp -

Miss Bessie Burrill	Miss Grace Brown
" Lizzie Cox	" Marian Prentiss
" Anna P. Reid	" Alice Ruggles
" Mary Bancroft	" Fanny Ruggles
" Minnie Eames	" Margaret Eaton

Annual Meeting Feb. 24th 1896

Adjournment to March 12, 1896

Miss. Fanny Hatfield	Miss. Fanny Smith
" Eva Litchfield	" Blanche Robinson
" Mabel Robinson	" Rutha Brown
" Mabel La Blair	Mr. Wilfred Bancroft
Mr. Clarence Brown	" Edwin Sheak
" Ira Gray	" Harry Cook
" Walter Eaton	" Elmer Robinson
" Otis B. Ruggles	" Walter Lyman
Mrs Otis B. Ruggles	Mrs Walter Lyman

Voted: that the report of the Committee be accepted, and adopted.

Art. 5. Voted: that the appraisal of Pews be the same as
as last year, that the sale be by auction, and that
it take place next Thursday evening March 19, 1896.
at 7.30 P.M.

Art. 6. Voted: that the matter of the supply of the Pulpit
be left in the hands of the Trustees, for the present.

Art. 7. Voted: after having heard a verbal report of the
Committee on the subject; to appropriate for current
expenses the ensuing year the sum of \$ 675.00
said sum to include floating debt -
and the sum of \$ 325.00 for Choir the ensuing year.
and \$ 1200. for the supply of the Pulpit said sum
to be raised in the same manner as last year.

Art. 8. Voted: that Harry Cook, Ira C. Gray, Wilfred Ban-
croft, and Elmer Robinson act as ushers
the ensuing year.

Voted: that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest: James Reid
Clerk

see Trustees Report on next page

Reading February 24 1896

The Trustees make the following report -
Complying with the vote of the Society at its annual meeting in February 1895, the Trustees waited upon the pastor, Rev. Mr. Green, and received his assurances that he would remain and labor with us the ensuing year, he reserving the privilege to sever his connections at any time he should deem it best so to act. He continued with us during the spring and summer months, but very much to the surprise of the Trustees and the Society, early in September, his resignation was read from the pulpit and placed in the hands of the Trustees, by whom it was presented to the Society at a legally called meeting.

After careful consideration the Society voted to comply with his request, and released him from his compact, to take effect September 30th -

It was voted that the Trustees be authorized to supply the pulpit, and they have used their best endeavors, to secure able speakers from Sunday to Sunday, with the view of eventually securing a pastor, who would be acceptable to all interested in the welfare of this Church, and the upbuilding Unitarian principles in this community, "many have been called, but few chosen. but we trust the labors of your Trustees have not been altogether unappreciated. The financial condition of the Society is not as satisfactory as could be wished, and some way should be devised to increase the revenue, or it will be most difficult to maintain the the present order of service -

You have heard the report of the Treasurer, from which the appended balance sheet has been prepared.

This shows a slight improvement compared with last year's Statement, but there has not been exhibited that lively interest among the many, so necessary to healthy growth, and the laborers have been too few, when there is so much to be accomplished.

Only two, one lady and one gentleman have been added
over

to the roll of membership during the past twelve months, but there are many who would be most heartily welcomed, especially from among our gentlemen friends.

The average Sunday attendance throughout the year has been seventy seven, too small by at least one half.

We are pleased to report the Church property in excellent condition, both outside and inside.

It is not perhaps exactly within the province of the present board of trustees to anticipate the action of the Society, for the future, but we are of the opinion that a revival of interest both inside and outside the Church membership is most desirable, and cannot fail to produce pleasing results.

Respectfully submitted.

A. Newell Howes	} Trustees
Albert P. Dane	
Charles M. Horton	
Emma M. Brown	
Olive A. Prescott	

Dr	Trial Balance		Christian Union	Cr	
1896					
Feb. 29th	Envel. Money	* 43 11	Feb. 29	Choir	* 75.00
	Pew Rentals	115.00		Blow Boy	3.25-
	Subscription List	20.00		Coal	36.75-
	Store Rent	15.75-		Trusman's advances	101.91
	Deficit	160.72		Janitor	16.67
				Loan of	124.00
		* 357.58			* 357.58

James Reid
Clerk

Congregational Church
Reading, Mass.

Jan'y 21st 1896

Dear Brethren:

At the Annual Meeting of the
Congregational Church held Jan'y 16th 1896 action was
taken instructing its Clerk to extend to you their
heart-felt thanks for your Kindness and Courtesy in
granting the use of your house of worship on Sunday
Evg Dec. 15th 1895-

By Vote of the Church

Frank W. B. Pratt

Church Clerk.

To the Christian Church,
Reading.

Notice:

The members of the Christian Union are hereby noti-
fied that a Special Meeting of the Society will be
held in Trinity Hall on Thursday evening April 9th
1896 at 7.30 o'clock, to act on the following
Articles. viz:

Article 1 - To choose a Chairman to preside at said
Meeting.

Article 2 - To see if the Society will instruct the
Trustees to extend a Call to the Rev.
Frederic J. Gould to become its Pastor, and to take
any further action in the matter which shall
be necessary.

Article 3 - To see if the Society will change the
time of holding its Annual Meeting.

Article 4 - To transact any other business which shall
legally come before the meeting.

Charles A. Horton, Leo. F. Buck } Trustees.
Abby C. Clapp Emma M. Brown }

James Reid, Clerk.

Reading April 2^d 1896.

Special Meeting April 9th 1896.

A meeting of the Society was held pursuant to foregoing Notice.

Article 1 - Geo. F. Buck was chosen Chairman.

Article 4 - On motion of Chas. M. Horton voted to take up article 4.

under this article, the Clerk presented the names of George Sherman, Mary Alice Sherman, Charlotte M. Horton, Horace G. Wadlin, Olive A. Prescott, and Eliza R. Smith, applicants for membership, and they were each duly elected in accordance with the By-Laws of the Society.

on motion of Warren E. Eaton voted: that the Trustees be instructed to so arrange, that the sermon shall commence earlier, in meeting.

Article 3 - on motion of Chas. M. Horton, voted: that the time of holding the Annual meeting be changed from the last Monday in February to the first Monday in April.

On motion, voted: to lay ^{take up} article 3 on the table and article 2 - a communication from Rev. Christopher R. Elliott, & from others were read, and some discussion had, after which, on motion of A. Newell Cowes, amended by H. G. Wadlin, it was voted: That the Trustees be instructed to engage Rev. Frederic J. Gould as minister of this Society at a Salary of \$1200. per annum, for the year beginning April 1. 1896.

Article 4 - on motion, voted: to choose a Subscription Committee for the ensuing year - On motion voted: that Warren E. Eaton be Chairman of such Committee, and select such other members as he shall desire.

voted: to adjourn

Attest:

James Reid, Clerk

Correspondence growing out of the proceedings
of the Special Meeting of April 9, 1896.

Rev. Frederic J. Gauld

Dear Sir - At a regularly called meeting of
the Christian Union Society held in Unity Hall
April 9th 1896. it was unanimously voted: "That
the Trustees be instructed to engage Rev. Frederic J.
Gauld as Minister of this Society at a Salary of
twelve hundred dollars per annum, for the year begi-
nning April 1st 1896. " In accordance with the above
instructions we hereby extend to you a call to
become the Minister of the Christian Union Society
of Reading, and trust that you will give the same
your favorable Consideration.

Sincerely Yours.

Charles M. Horton

For the Trustees

Reading April 10th 1896

Mr Charles M. Horton

Chairman of The Trustees of The Christian Union Society
of Reading Mass.

Dear Sir -

I am greatly honored by the invitation which
your Society extended to me at its meeting on
April 9th as contained in your letter of the 10th
inst., to become their Minister. After earnest consi-
deration I heartily and gladly accept your call.
I have seen sufficient of your Society to believe
that I can depend upon sympathetic and active
Cooperation from the members in the work which I
may be able to do as your Pastor, so far as that work
is dictated by wisdom and love. As a Society you
are engaged in the noblest of human endeavours,
seeking to promote the Kingdom of God, the reign of
truth, of righteousness, & of love, in the lives of your

members, and in the life of the community of which you are a part, But this work is not yours alone: it is God's work & purpose also. Believing this with my whole soul I am not utterly discouraged with the prospect of leadership in this great work. when I remember my own weakness. Rather I shall come to you full of faith and hope, confident that as the work is of God ~~He~~ **He** will work in me to will and do of his good pleasure, while I shall endeavor to speak freely, the word of God as it comes to me in my own experience in my study, I remember that many of you are older and wiser than I; therefore I shall be glad to receive that brotherly or fatherly help that can be given from your larger experience in the Christian life. I trust that our union may be in the spirit of Jesus, a constantly deepening reality with increasing results in nobler character and good works.

There probably will come a time when it may be desirable for you to find a new leader, or for me to seek a new opportunity in some other field. It will be wise I think, for me to give you at least three months notice of any purpose of mine to resign my ministry among you. I bind myself to this, and shall of course, look for a similar intimation of any desire you may have as a Society, to sever our relations.

I accept your call as given, from April 1st 1896 at a salary of twelve hundred dollars for the year beginning April 1st 1896. I understand that I am to be allowed a vacation during the month of August when the Church is to be closed.

Looking forward with hope and pleasure to the work we are to do together, I am very
Sincerely yours,

Fredric J. Gould.

April 13th 1896.

Dear Mr. Gould,

Your very hopeful and earnest letter of 13th inst accepting the call of the Christian Union Society to become their Minister was duly received. The field in which you are to labor is large and important. The spirit of the Master seems to be all that is necessary to make this one of the most prosperous portions of God's great Kingdom. In this we believe you are fully capable of leading us; and heartily will we welcome you as our Pastor in the work which lies before us. As you have agreed to give us three months notice of any intention on your part to sever your connection with us, we agree to give you a similar notice of any such desire on our part, and we also agree that you are to have the month of August for a vacation. In your work among us, which is also our work, you can feel assured of the hearty assistance and co-operation of all the members of the Society, and we are looking forward to a pleasant and agreeable ^{association} with you.

Very Sincerely Yours

Charles M. Horton,

For the Trustees.

Reading April 20th 1896.

Special Meeting May 7th 1896

Notice!

The members of the Christian Union Society are hereby notified to meet in Unity Hall in Reading on Thursday evening May 7th 1896, at 7.30 o'clock to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see what action the Society will take in reference to the Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Dedication of their Church.

Article 3. To transact any other business which shall legally come before the meeting.

Per order of the Trustees.

James Reid Clerk.

A meeting under the above call was held at the time and place designated, when under Article 1 Harley Prentiss was chosen Chairman.

Article 2 On motion of Charles M. Horton, it was voted: that a Committee of seven be appointed to take steps to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Dedication of this Church, by raising the sum of \$1000. towards the payment of the debt of the Society.

Moved by William F. Spinney that the Committee consist of nine persons, that the Trustees be a portion of the Committee and be authorized to appoint the other members: voted:

Moved by Geo. F. Buck, and voted: that when we adjourn, it be to four weeks from to night at 8 o'clock P.M.

Special Meeting of May 7th 1896

And Adjournment to June 4th 1896.

Article 3.

Moved by Charles M. Horton, in behalf of the Board of Trustees, that the thanks of this Society be extended to the Officers of the American Unitarian Association for their uniform kindness, and valuable assistance in aiding the board in supplying the Pulpit, and in the selection and installation of our present Pastor, voted:

Moved by Frederic J. Gould our Pastor, that we choose two delegates to the Annual meeting of the Am. Unitarian Assoc. who together with the Pastor shall represent this Society at said meeting, chose Olive A. Prescott and Katherine W. Barrows, the authority to fill vacancies was voted.

on motion, voted; to adjourn.

June 4th 1896

Under Article three - the Committee having added, (by appointment,) to their number the names of Horace G. Wadlin, A. Newell Howes, Harley Pentice and Warren E. Eaton made the following report.

Your Committee to devise plans for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of this Church, wish to report as follows; September 13th the Anniversary date falls on Sunday, and we think it advisable to leave the matter with our Pastor, to take whatever notice of the ^{day} that he may consider appropriate. We recommend that a banquet be held in the early part of Monday evening say 5.30 or six o'clock. to which we shall invite all our former Pastors, and as many of those who took a prominent part in the dedication as can be reached. the banquet to be followed by an Historical Address in the Church, to which the public

shall be invited.

with reference to the suggestion that the Society raise one thousand dollars to reduce the Church debt, We do not think it advisable at this time to make such an effort. The business depression of the past few years, has made it difficult to raise the necessary current expenses. Then the Society must soon go to some considerable expense to repair the Store, in order to make it tenantable. We have also a floating debt which must be paid this year, and should have been paid before. And we feel that if our people will see to it that our year ends without a deficit, it will be all that can be asked. We therefore recommend that the financial feature be not considered.

For the Committee.

Charles M. Horton.

On motion, voted: to accept the report of the Committee.

on motion, voted: to adopt the report of the Committee.

On motion, voted: that it is the desire of the Society, that Mr. Horace G. Wadlin be invited to deliver the Historical Address.

On motion, Voted: to dissolve this meeting.

Attest:

James Reid, Clerk.

Special Meeting March 14th 1897.

At a meeting of the Christian Union held March fourteenth eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we learn with heartfelt sorrow of the death of Rev. Frank S. Adams, and offer our tribute to the memory of a pure, noble, and brotherly life. As a part of the church universal, we sympathize deeply with the great loss sustained by our sister Church, of which he was the devoted and beloved pastor.

We lament the severe loss to religion of a friend and leader, who was both liberal and catholic; a true exponent of spiritual Christianity.

As members of the community we mourn the death of a true-hearted citizen and neighbor, yet cherish the remembrance of a life of unselfishness and goodwill, a life which has left its own best monument in the hearts of many, who have been enriched by his gracious and uplifting manhood.

Above all our hearts are full to overflowing, of sympathy with the sorrowing wife and son, in their terrible bereavement, and we pray that they may now feel all the powerful consolation of the religion which they cherish.

Resolved;

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the late Rev. Frank S. Adams, and to the Congregational Society of which he was the Pastor, and also be published in the Reading Chronicle, and spread upon the records of the Church.

The Christian Union.
James Reid, Clerk.

Reading, March 22, 1897.

To the Christian Union

Reading Mass.,

At a meeting of the Congregational Society held March 17th 1897, it was voted:

That the thanks of this Society be extended to the Christian Union for their kind resolutions in reference to our late pastor, and that the Clerk be instructed to make suitable acknowledgments of the same, also that they be spread upon the records of the Society.

Galen A. Parker, Clerk.

Congregational Church

Reading Mass.

March 20th 1897.

To the Christian Union

Reading Mass.

Dear Brethren;

Your very kind, tender, and appreciative resolutions in reference to our late Pastor were read at our regular church meeting held on Thursday evg March 18th

It was unanimously voted: to concur with the Parish in their action in regard to the same, "namely.. to make a suitable acknowledgment, and to spread the same upon the records. Will you kindly accept our sincere and heartfelt thanks for such expression of sorrow with us in our time of needs.

Yours, in his name,

The Congregational Church,
By the hand of Frank W. B. Pratt,
Church Clerk.

Annual Meeting April 5th 1897.

Notice -

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall, on Monday evening April 5th 1897 at 7.30 o'clock, to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1.

To Choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.

To hear and act on the reports of the Treasurer, Collector, and Trustees, also to hear and act on the reports of all other Committees.

Article 3.

To Choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Collector, and all other necessary Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4.

To Choose Committees on Singing, Visiting, Charity and Hospitality, and all other necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Article 5.

To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and rental of Pews, for the ensuing year.

Article 6.

To see what action the Society will take in relation to lighting the Church and Vestry with Electricity.

Article 7.

To see if the Society will take some action in regard to Changing the heating arrangement for the Vestry and what they will do in relation thereto.

Article 8.

To determine how much money the Society will appropriate for current expenses, and how the same shall be raised.

Article 9.

To transact any other business which shall legally come before the meeting.

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Charles M. Horton

Geo. F. Buck

Albert P. Dane

Emma M. Brown

Trustees -

James Reid, Clerk.

Reading March 27, 1897.

A meeting was held under the foregoing notice at the time and place therein specified, and was called to order by the Clerk, under

Article 1. - Warley Prentiss was chosen Chairman.

Article 2. - The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted, and follows.

Treasurer's Report for the year ending April 1, 1897

Receipts -

Pews

1003.99

Subscriptions

342.00

Entertainments

538.11

Envelope fund

238.20

Store Rent

262.50

A. U. Assn.

19.48

Do

48.70

Waverley

13.16

Sewing Circle

65.00

\$ 2531.14

Expenditures -

Pulpit

12 75. -

Choir

257. -

Janitor

125. -

Fuel

85. -

Gas

77.69

Repairs (store)

78. -

Debt

46. -

A. U. Assn.

20. -

Do

48.70

Waverley

13.16

Sundries

54.46

Interest

250. -

Borrowed

101.91

Collector

39.31

Taxes

35.23

Electric Light

7.20

Printing

17.48

\$ 2531.14

The Collector made a verbal report which was accepted.

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The Trustees made their report and it was accepted, and follows.

Trustees Report.

To the Christian Union April 5th 1897

Your trustees submit the following report: Pursuant to your instructions at a special meeting held April 9, 1896, your trustees extended a call to Rev. Frederic J. Gauld to become our minister, which was accepted, and on April 23, 1896 Mr Gauld was regularly installed. the choice of Mr Gauld after a long period of Candidating in which we listened to some bright and able men, has proved a happy one. the increase of about twenty-five per cent in our average attendance is sufficient proof that he has added new life and vigor to our church work; and we hope he will remain long with us to lead us and strengthen our bond of fellowship. one marriage has been celebrated in our church during the year, - that of Mr. Arthur Fisher Thomas to Miss Blanche E. Robinson, on Nov. 5th 1896, Miss Robinson's Parents were married at this church on Oct. 18th 1871. Our pastor has also brought a recruit to our army of workers, and a new and enjoyable element into our social life, having married on Dec. 17, 1896, Miss Harriet Bensil of New York City. Death has also visited us, taking from among us Mr Samuel W. Dinsmoor on June 20, 1896, and Miss Caroline E. Cook, on Jan. 3, 1897. both have long been devoted workers with us. The church property is in very good condition. during the summer of 1896 we have shingled the roof of the store at an expense of \$59.00, which was more than met by the Ladies Sewing Society, they having contributed \$65.00 for that purpose. The thanks of the Society are due to them for their helpfulness. Mr. M. A. Stone has surrendered his lease

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of the store, which would expire in May, and we
have made a new lease to Mr. F. Wallace for the
term of three years from April 1st 1897. with the
privilege of two more, at a yearly rental of \$225.00
In making estimates for the coming year, it is
hard, as it ever has been, to judge of our resources,
our subscription fund has not reached the estimate,
and our entertainment fund has exceeded the
estimate. if we can depend on a little more in the
coming year from these two sources than we have
had in the past year, we feel that the increase in
pew rentals will warrant us in making the following
estimate:-

Resources -		Expenditures -	
Pew rentals	\$1000.	Pulpit	\$1200.
Entertainments	500.	Choir	375.
Subscriptions	400.	Current expenses	
Store rental	225.	Janitor	100.
Envelope fund	200.	Collector	40.
	<u>\$ 2325.</u>	Gas	70.
		Interest	250.
		Insurance	57.25
		Fuel	60.
		Taxes	35.
		Blow-Boy	12.
		Floating debt	84.
		Incidental	43.75

We have bills outstanding to the amount of \$214.00 and
rentals to be collected about \$70. leaving a deficit of
\$144.00 which is about fifty dollars better than we
had last year.

The only increase we have suggested
is in the appropriation for the Choir. We must not
forget that our able Committee on singing has
given us his services for the past two years

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without any recompense whatever, and has also furnished at his own expense all the new music we have had; For all of which the hearty thanks of the Society are due to him, But we must not expect that he can continue to do so, and we recommend the sum asked for. We hope the receipts will so far exceed the estimates that it will be possible, at some future time in the year, to increase the salary of our minister. Inclosing let us remind every member they have a personal responsibility in the management of this Society. Trustees and Committees can do the specific work for which they were chosen, but there is a work beyond them, the personal individual influence of all who are in sympathy with our principles whether members of the Society or not, can make the work of this Church a success far beyond what can be accomplished by all the Committees we can appoint; Committees can only give the work systematic direction. let each endeavour to bring to our support those whose sympathies are already with us, and the coming year will witness a genuine revival on the broad Christian basis of the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of all mankind.

Charles M. Horton

Albert P. Dane

Geo. F. Buck

Emma M. Brown

} Trustees.

A verbal report was made in regard to singing - which report was accepted.

Moved by Olive A. Prescott, and voted unanimously, that this Society return to Mr. Howes a sincere vote of thanks for choir work during the past year, first, for obtaining and arranging the music, second, for directing the choir, and also for services in singing without compensation. moved that this vote be placed upon the Society records.

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Voted: that the thanks of the Society be extended to the Choir, for their cheerful and efficient services during the past year.

Voted: that the thanks of the society be extended to the ushers for their services for the past year.

Committee on Charity reported & report accepted.

Receipts	\$ 28.50
Expended, principally for food & clothing	(20.00
balance on hand	5.50

Committee on subscriptions, "See Treasurer's Report."

Committee on Decoration - verbal. accepted.

Flowers have been provided for every Sunday but one during the year - the Guild of the Good Shepherd has furnished flowers to the amount of two dollars from its funds, and over 70 bouquets have been presented to the sick during the year. vote of thanks extended to the Committee and Guild.

Envelope Fund 1896.

Amount received from Jan.

to Dec. 31st inclusive \$190.70

Amount paid for envelopes	\$ 2.50	
" " Treasurer	188.20	190.70

Number of envelopes taken in	1895-	57
" " " "	" 1896	32
" " " "	" 1897	

Amount received fr. fund in	1895-	\$ 232.82
" " " "	1896	190.70
" " " "	" 3 mos. of '97	53.92

Report accepted -

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Cluk
Article 3. on motion Voted: that Mr Bang Cook be instructed to cast one vote for James Reid for Cluk and James Reid was declared elected Cluk for the ensuing year.

Treasurer
on motion Voted: that Mr Cook be instructed to cast one vote for William F. Spinney for Treasurer, and William F. Spinney was declared elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Collector
On motion Voted: that Mr Cook be instructed to cast one vote for Otis B. Ruggles for Collector, and Otis B. Ruggles was declared elected Collector, for the ensuing year.

Voted: that when we adjourn it be to April 13, 1897. at 8 o'clock P.M., -

Voted: that the Chair appoint a Committee of three to nominate a Board of Trustees, and report at the adjourned meeting - the Chair appointed Warren E. Eaton Albert P. Dane and Charles M. Horton such Committee.

Art. 4 Voted: that the Chair appoint a Committee to report a list of Committees, for the ensuing year, and report at the adjourned meeting - Charles M. Horton, Mary A. Bancroft + Minnie L. Eames were appointed such Committee.

Art. 5 Voted: that the appraisal of Pews be the same as last year, and that they be rented at the adjourned meeting Tuesday evening April 13th 1897 at 8 o'clock.

Art. 6 Voted: to leave the matter of Electric Lighting be left with Board of Trustees, they to report at some future time

Art. 7 Voted: to refer the matter of changing the heating

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arrangements for the Vestry to the Committee on
electric lighting.

Art. 8. Voted: to appropriate for supply of Pulpit \$1200.00
" Chou 375.00
and for all other current expenses the sum of 750.00
as recommended by the Trustees

Voted: to adjourn -

Adjourned Meeting April 13th 1897.

Art. 9. The Com. appointed to nominate a Board of Trustees
reported as follows.

For Trustees.

Charles M. Horton, Albert P. Dane Horace G. Wadlin
Emma M. Brown, and Olive A. Prescott.

Voted: to accept the report

Voted: that the Clerk cast one vote for the
nominees for Trustees,
and Charles M. Horton, Albert P. Dane, Horace G. Wadlin
Emma M. Brown, and Olive A. Prescott were
declared duly elected Trustees for the ensuing year

The Committee to report a list of Committees
for the ensuing year reported as follows:

Upper Committee

Mrs. Eliza Smith

Mrs. Valeria Pung, Mrs. H. E. Cox, Mrs. Emma L. Eames,
" Sarah A. Bancroft, Mrs. Nellie Green, Mrs. Annie Eames,
Mrs. Anna Hatfield, Mrs. Lucelia Walker, Mrs. Geo. Shuman,
Mrs. Eda Bond, Mrs. Julia Ide, Mrs. C. J. Nesmith
Miss Hattie Walker, Miss Minnie L. Eames, Miss Mary A. Bancroft,
Miss Eva Litchfield, Miss Litchfield, Miss Mabel La Clair.

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Adjournment to April 13, 1897.

Entertainment Committee.

Miss. Minnie L. Eames.

Miss. Mary A. Bancroft, Miss Anna P. Reid, Miss. Eva Litchfield,
Miss. Hattie Bunell, Miss. Lizzie Cox, Miss. Alice Ruggles,
Miss. Fannie P. Hatfield, Miss Hattie Walker, Miss. Frances M. Smith,
Miss. Marian Curtis, Miss. Frances Ruggles, Miss. Bertha Brown,
Mr. Harry Cook, Mr. Wilfred A. Bancroft, Mr. Walter P. Eaton,
Mr. Clarence Brown.

Hospitality and Visiting

Rev. Frederic J. Gould
with Society as a whole.

Subscription.

Mr. Warren E. Eaton, Chairman
with privilege of calling upon whom he chooses, to help.

Charity-

Mrs. Hubbard E. Cox.
Miss Ediza M. Brown Mrs. Annie Eames
Rev. Frederic J. Gould.

Ushers

Mr. Harry Cook Mr. Clarence Brown
Mr. Wilfred A. Bancroft Mr. Walter P. Eaton.

Music.

Mr. A. Newell Howes
Mrs. Laura M. Crook, Mr. Charles M. Cochrane.

Charge of Envelope Fund.

Miss. Olive A. Prescott.

Annual Meeting April 5th 1897.
Adjournment to April 13th 1897.

Committee on Decorations.

Miss Rutha Brown,

And Mr. Mauld's Sabbath School class.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The following named persons were duly elected to become members of the Christian Union upon signing the Articles of Association and By Laws, viz:

Walter Lyman.	J. Harris Reid.	Edward Sawyer.
Susanne Lyman.	Mary S. Reid.	Elizabeth Sawyer.
Geo. E. Heath.	Lettie Litchfield.	Eva Litchfield.
Maria Heath.	Kattie Litchfield.	

On motion of Warren E. Eaton Voted: that a Committee of three be appointed by the chair to take into consideration the reduction of the debt of the Society.

The chair appointed as such Committee Warren E. Eaton, James Wight and Anna E. Appleton.

Voted: that this meeting be adjourned to meet at the call of the Trustees.

James Reid,
Clerk.

Special Meeting September 5th 1897.

A meeting was held for choice of Delegates to Annual National Unitarian Conference at Saratoga and resulted as follows.

Fredrick J. Gould Pastor Delegate by virtue of his office as Pastor

Hon H. G. Wadlin and Elma S. Wright

James Reier Sec.

Special Meeting December 23^d 1897

Meeting Called to order by Charles M. Horton Ch. of the Board of Trustees when on motion it was voted to adjourn to Monday evening next.

James Reier Clerk.

Notice -

An adjourned meeting of the Christian Church will be held at Unity Hall on Thursday evening February 24 1898, at 8 o'clock, to hear and act on the reports of the Committee on electric lighting, and the heating of Unity Hall,

Per Order of the Trustees, James Reier
Clerk

Reading Feb. 19th 1898.

A meeting was held at the time and place appointed in the above notice, and was called to order by the Clerk, the Moderator not being present Horace G. Wadlin was duly chosen Moderator pro tem.

Rev. P. Dane made a verbal report on electric lighting and the matter was discussed by Mr. Howes Mr. Horton Mr. Eaton and others.

moved by Warren E. Eaton, and voted: that the committee on electric lighting be authorized to proceed to wire the church for electric lighting as proposed.

Charles M. Horton of the Committee on heating Unity Hall presented the subject, which was discussed by several persons, but no formal action was taken.

^{the} ~~the~~ ^{meeting} then held an informal exchange of opinion on the subject of renting Unity Hall to increase the income of the Society, and the matter of the taxation of the Hall if used for such purpose, the financial affairs of the Society were ^{also} taken over, making a profitable meeting although no specific action was had the matters not coming within the scope of the call for the meeting.

On motion voted: that this meeting be adjourned without day.
James Reid. Clerk.

Notice —

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall, on Monday evening April 4th 1898, at 7.30 o'clock, to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.

To hear and act on the reports of the Treasurer, Collector, and Trustees; also to hear and act on the reports of all other Committees.

Article 3.

To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Collector, and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4.

To choose Committees on Singing, Visiting, Charity and Hospitality, and all other necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Article 5.

To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and rental of Pews, for the ensuing year.

Article 6.

To see if the Society will let Unity Hall for Public purposes.

Article 7.

To see if the Society will take some action in regard to changing the heating arrangements for the Vestry, and what they will do in relation thereto.

Article 8.

To determine how much money the Society will appropriate for current expenses, and how the same shall be raised.

Article 9.

To transact any other business which shall legally come before the meeting.

Charles W. Horton
A. P. Dane
Horace S. Madlin
Emma M. Brown
Olive A. Prescott

} Trustees

Reading March 26, 1898.

James Reid, Clerk.

Annual Meeting April 4th 1898.

A meeting was held under the foregoing notice at the time and place therein specified, and was called to order by the Clerk who read the notice for the meeting.

Article 1.

On motion voted: that the Clerk be instructed to cast one vote for Harley Prentiss for Chairman - vote was cast - and Harley Prentiss was declared chosen.

Article 2.

The Treasurer, William F. Spinney read his report and it was voted: That it be referred to the Trustees for audit.

The Collector, Otis B. Ruggles report was made through the Treasurer and was referred to Trustees for audit.

Horace G. Wadlin read the Report of the Trustees which follows:

Trustees Report.

The Trustees respectfully submit the following report:
The year that has passed has not been especially eventful, if we have not largely increased in numbers, nevertheless we have not declined, this may be termed a negative blessing, but it is still a blessing. One of the Earliest members of the Society, Miss Mary E. White passed away during the year. Miss White was always interested in our work, and until her removal from town some years ago, closely identified with it; and since this paper was written, we are saddened by the death of her Sister, Mrs William M. Bancroft one of our earnest and devoted members: One other whose name was still on our rolls, although for sometime a resident of Brookline, and therefore separated from us, Capt Henry T. Hall, also died within the year; and recently the funeral of one who was not a member of the Society, but who was for a time connected with the Choir, Henry M. Brown, of Reading, was by his own wish, conducted, under the impressive ritual of the Grand Army, in our church.

The Church property is in good condition, and the Electric Light has recently been introduced

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the expense to be met by contributions from friends interested in the Society. Two policies of insurance expire during 1898 and will require renewal.

We wish once more to record our appreciation of the services efficiently and generously rendered by Mr. Howe in connection with the choir; to him and to the other members who have co-operated with him, our continued thanks are due. The work of the Entertainment Committee and of the Committee on Decoration, and the Guild who provided for flowers during the Winter, ought also to receive that meed of praise which faithful service rightly earns.

at the last annual meeting the Trustees reported a deficit of \$144., and the year previous one about \$50. larger, this year the Trustees wish to congratulate the Society upon the fact that all of its financial obligations for the year now ending, have been provided for, and to thank those, who by recent contributions in response to our appeals have made it possible to present this statement.

The work among the young people is prospering, a branch of the National Alliance of Unitarian and other Christian Women, has recently been formed and the efforts of Our Minister are constantly directed toward all things that make for the upbuilding of the Church, it remains for us to give him that support and encouragement without which we cannot expect him to succeed; Can we not increase the attendance upon the Sunday services? Surely we have all some influence that can be exerted in that direction; beginning first with ourselves, extending outwardly to the limits of our own family circle, and then making itself felt in the cordial invitation or the kindly suggestion that may bring some one not now a regular attendant at any church, to partake of the hospitality of ours.

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with respect to our finances, two or three things are especially important; these have been brought directly to your attention in print but may be repeated here.

First - An increase if possible in our annual income we have already done well, can we not do better?

This implies of course, an increase in our receipts from pew rentals, in our subscriptions, and in our Contributions to the envelope fund. If we all increase our payments a little, and it need be only a little if all of us unite, this can be easily accomplished. Will you not consider this matter so as to be prepared to respond at the proper time? Just a little effort, possibly a slight sacrifice of something else, it need not be a great sacrifice, is all that is needed.

Second - It is very important that a larger proportion of the Collections and Contributions be made available early in the year, so that we may meet our obligations promptly, as they become due. Will it not be possible for us to pay a somewhat larger part of our pew rent and subscriptions in advance? This would relieve the trustees of much anxiety during the first part of the year, and be of great help in the management of the financial side of our work. Will you take this into Consideration also?

Third - It would greatly assist the trustees if they could know exactly how much might be expected, in the aggregate, from pew rents, subscriptions, and other sources of income. If every one would be prepared when called upon either to pledge a definite amount or to indicate approximately the sum which might be expected from him or her individually, it would put our affairs on a better business basis.

Upon the basis of last year's experience, the present annual resources are as follows:

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Pew rentals	\$1025.	
Entertainments	450.	
Subscriptions	400.	
Envelope fund & Boxes	230.	
Store rental	225.	
	<u>\$2330.</u>	\$2330.00

And the present scale of expenditure is as follows

Pulpit	\$1200.	
Choir	375.	
Janitor	100.	
Collector	40.	
Lighting	50.	
Interest	250.	
Insurance	75.	
Fuel	50.	
Taxes	35.	
Blow Boy	20.	
Accidentals	35.	
	<u>\$2230.</u>	\$2230.00

Any increase in expenditures must, of course, be provided for in some way by an increase in income.

Respectfully Submitted
for the Trustees

Horace G. Wadlin
Emma M. Brown
Olive A. Prescott
A. P. Dams

On motion, Voted: to accept the report.

Committee on Singing - a verbal report was made by A. Newell Brown, and was accepted.

On motion voted, that a continued vote of thanks be tendered to Mr Brown, for his continued services as Leader of the choir, and as chairman of the Committee on Singing which have been so acceptably performed.

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Article 3.

Voted: that A.P. Dane cast one vote for James Reid for Clerk and James Reid was declared chosen.

Voted: that the Clerk be instructed to cast one vote for Horace G. Wadlin, Albert P. Dane, William S. Ruggles, Emma M. Brown and Olive A. Prescott for Trustees, and they were declared chosen Trustees for the year ensuing.

On motion of Horace G. Wadlin. Voted: That the sincere thanks of this Society be tendered to Charles M. Cotton, for the able and efficient services he has rendered to it as one of its Trustees for the last four years, during which time he was always found at his post of duty, and a willing and interested worker for the prosperity of the Society, regretting his removal from our midst as we do, we have only the kindest wishes for his and his family's prosperity and happiness.

Voted: that the Clerk cast one vote for Mrs F. Spinney for Treasurer, and Mrs F. Spinney was declared chosen.

Voted: that the Clerk cast one vote for Otis B. Ruggles for Collector, and Otis B. Ruggles was declared chosen.

Voted: that A. Newell Howes, be auditor for the year ensuing.

Voted: that Olive A. Prescott continue to have in charge the Envelope Fund for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. Voted: that a Committee of three be appointed to report a list of Committees for the ensuing year and present the same for action at an adjourned meeting. The Chair appointed Charles A. Loring, Mrs L. W. Knott and Mrs A. P. Dane such committee.

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Article 5.

Considerable discussion was had under this article more especially in reference to raising the price of sittings one dollar making them \$6. instead of \$5. each an informal vote was had by a show of hands on the question and was unanimously in favor of the increase. The subject matter of article was then referred to the Trustees, they to report at an adjourned meeting.

Article 6.

It was voted: that the matter of letting Unity Hall for Public Purposes was referred to the Trustees.

Article 7.

It was voted: that the matter of changing the heating arrangements of Unity Hall be referred to the Trustees.

Article 8.

Voted: that the sum of \$375. be appropriated for the Choir, and be raised in the usual manner

Voted: that the receipts from the envelope fund be appropriated for Fuel, Janitor, and Lighting.

Voted: to lay article 8, on the table

Article 9.

Voted: to adjourn one week to April 11, 1898 at 7.30 P.M.

Adjourned Meeting. April 11, 1898.

Called to order by the Chairman, and article 8 was taken from the table.

The Committee appointed to report a list of Committees for the year ensuing presenting the following.

Subscription Committee.

Mr Charles A. Loring Mr Horace G. Wadlin

Mr Mrs J. Ruggles Mrs F. F. Brown

Abbie Clapp Miss Olive A. Prescott

added Mr H. L. Dane Mr Will Adden Mr Walter Lyman.

Miss Belle Ruggles Mrs La Clair

and they were declared chosen

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Charity.

Mrs H. E. Cox

Miss Eliza M. Brown Mrs Annie M. Eames

Rev Frederic J. Gould.

Ushers.

Mr Harry Cook, Mr Wilfred A Bancroft, Mr Clarence Brown

Mr Will Adden, Mr Walter P. Eaton Mr Elmer Robinson

added Mr O. A. Ruggles

Music

Mr A. Newell Howe

Mrs Laura M. Crook, Mr W. S. Richardson

Decoration.

Mrs Herbert Banows.

Miss Minnie K. Eames, Miss Adden, Miss Belle Ruggles

Miss Stella Harris, Miss Florence Hunt, Miss Elva Hunt,

Miss Bertha Drake, Miss Mabel Robinson

Supper Committee.

Mrs C. J. Kessmith, Mrs Eliza Smith, Mrs E. K. Eames

Mrs Horace Brown, Mrs Nellie Green, Mrs Annie Eames

Mrs Anna Hatfield, Mrs Lucilia Walker, Mrs George Sherman

Mrs H. E. Cox, Mrs Ida Lowd, Mrs Julia Ide

Miss Mattie Walker, Miss Mary A Bancroft, Miss Eva Litchfield

Miss Mabel La Clair, Minnie K. Eames, Little Litchfield, Valerie Perry

Entertainment Committee

Miss Minnie K. Eames

Miss M. A. Bancroft, Miss Anna P. Reid, Miss Eva Litchfield

Miss Mattie Burrill, Miss Lizzie Cox, Miss Fannie Hatfield

Miss Frances Ruggles, Miss Mabel Robinson, Miss Marion Howes

Mrs H. L. Dane, Mrs Lindsay Prentiss, Mrs R. F. Loring

Miss Marion Prentiss, Miss Bertha Brown, Mr Harry Cook

Mr Wilfred A. Bancroft, Mr Walter P. Eaton, Mr Clarence Brown

Mr Harry L. Dane, Mr Archer R. Prentiss, Mr Clarence Howes

Mr Elmer Robinson, Mr Richard F. Loring

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Hospitality and Visiting

Rev. Edwin J. Gould.

The list was adopted after making some additions, and the several Committees declared chosen.

Article 8. was taken up for action, and the matter of the increase of the salary of our Pastor was discussed, it was voted that the matter be deferred until the Committee on subscriptions shall have ascertained the probable amount to be derived from that source, and report at a future meeting (adjourned) to be called by the Trustees.

Moved; that when we adjourn^{we adjourn}, to the call of the Trustees.

Moved; that the Pews be let tonight -

adjourned James Reid,
Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting called by the Trustees, and held in Unity Hall June 28, 1898.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk.

Horace G. Wadlin was chosen Chairman Pro tem.

Report of Committee on subscriptions (verbal) was made by H. G. Wadlin, and the prospective income of the Society for the current year discussed in connection with the question of increase of Salary of our Pastor.

On Motion of A. P. Dane, voted: that the Salary of our Pastor for the Current year, be Fourteen hundred dollars.

on Motion Voted: to adjourn.

James Reid,
Clerk.

Notice:

The members of the Christian Union of Reading are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the Union will be held in Unity Hall on Tuesday evening January 24th 1899 at eight o'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles, viz.

Article 1 - To Choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 - To act on the resignation of our Pastor, Rev Frederic J. Gauld.

Article 3 - To transact any other business which shall legally come before the Meeting.

Per order of the Trustees.

James Reid, Clerk

Reading Jan. 16th 1899.

A meeting was held under the above notice, and was called to order by the clerk. Under Article 1. William J. Ruggles was Chosen Chairman, and read a communication from Horace B. Wadlin Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who was not present on account of sickness and the unpleasant weather of the evening.

Article 2.

after hearing the reading of the views of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees on the subject matter of this article, and further consideration by the meeting, on motion of Frederick Wallace Voted: That the resignation of our Pastor Frederic J. Gauld, be accepted, to take effect at such time as may be mutually agreed upon.

In motion voted: that when we adjourn it will be, subject to the call of the Board of Trustees.

No further business coming before the meeting for action it was on motion Voted; that this meeting do now adjourn.

James Reid, Clerk.

The following resignation of F. J. Gould was read from the Pulpit Jan. 15th 1899.

To the members of the Christian Union Society, Reading, Mass.
Dear Friends: It would be unnecessary to assure you that I should not thoughtlessly or lightly contemplate bringing my ministry among you to a close, a ministry of nearly three years that has been full of harmony and happiness. I owe it to you, as to myself, to seriously consider what may be involved in the change.

There has been but one regret connected with my relations to you, and that was the feeling that our work together must sooner or later end. I regret still more that the moment of parting is now near at hand, and after thorough consideration I place at your disposal today my resignation as Pastor of this church, to be acted upon by your society at its convenience and to take effect at a date settled upon after consultation. I tender you my resignation in order to accept an invitation to become the minister of the First Parish Church of Leominster

Mass. I cannot take this step without expressing the gratitude I feel for the generous appreciation and help which you have constantly given to my word and work. You have been silent about my shortcomings and very hearty in your commendation of whatever there has been of good. Your loyal cooperation has been an unfailing strength and encouragement. You have gladly accorded me the full liberty of our faith, and have patiently heard me where you could ^{not} always follow and agree. I thank you especially for this freedom of the ministry which you have maintained, and so doing have contributed to my joy in the work of your ^{pastorate}. I thank you for the cordial way in which you have always welcomed me in your homes. You have made me feel that I am one with you. In your deep sorrow I have been admitted to a sacred intimacy which has enlarged the spiritual sympathies and horizon of my life. Since I have been among you I have learned much of the power and beauty of our liberal Christian faith, taught by the noble, trustful courage exhibited in hours of grief and loss. The fellowship of saints has become a reality in the presence of the spiritual heroes whom I have found and loved in the men and women of this congregation.

Mrs Gould and I remember with gratitude the unfailing kindness which we have always received at your hands. Your greeting and care of us was so cordial and honest that we soon forgot we were strangers among you and easily felt that we were of your number. We shall cherish many strong friendships and shall recall with gladness the happy days we have spent in your midst. I personally feel like adding my particular thanks for your sympathy and kindness in times of special anxiety and for your affectionate regard for my wife. We shall both leave this church and Reading with feelings of deep regret and sorrow. We only wish that we deserve to be remembered with one half the kindness that is in our thoughts of you. My warm interest in you will be satisfied with nothing but the assurance of your increased prosperity. You are banded together as a church, to uphold the best traditions and the progressive spirit of our liberal Christian religion. Your faith and ideals are the rallying point of your organization and efforts. You are to be supremely loyal to this cause, to the service of a free, loving and constructive faith; faith in God and man, in your own life and the life of your fellowmen. Men may come and men may go, but you as a church, are to stand through the years, a persistent and faithful witness to the truth you hold and love. Though our bond as minister and people, will be severed, yet we are united in a common faith and I trust that we may be increasingly gladdened by its growing success. I believe that the future will bring great faith and joy and success to the Unitarian Church in Reading. Hoping and praying that this may be so I remain
Sincerely your friend and brother in the faith. Frederic J. Gould.

January 14th 1899.

Notice: = Annual Meeting April 3^d 1899.

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Unity Hall, on Monday evening April 3^d 1899, at 8 o'clock, to act on the following Articles, namely:

Article 1 - To choose a chairman to preside at said Meeting.

Article 2 - To hear and act on the reports of the Treasurer, Collector, Trustees, and also to hear and act on the reports of all other Committees.

Article 3 - To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Collector, and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4 - To choose Committees on Singing, Visiting, Charity, Hospitality, and all other necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Article 5 - To see what action the Society will take with respect to the supply of the Pulpit.

Article 6 - To see how much money the Society will appropriate for the support of the Pulpit, Choir, and for other necessary expenses.

Article 7 - To see what action the Society will take in relation to the appraisal and rental of Pews, for the ensuing year.

Article 8 - To transact any other business which shall legally come before the Meeting. Per order Ch. of Trustees.

James Reid, Clerk.

A Meeting was held under the foregoing notice at the time and place therein specified, and was called to order by the Clerk, who read the call for the meeting and under Article 1 Henry Robinson was chosen Chairman.

Article 2 - The Treasurer Mr. F. Spinney read his Report and on motion it was voted that it be accepted and adopted. The Collector Otis B. Ruggles presented his Report and on motion it was accepted and adopted.

Report of Ch. of Trustees for Board of Trustees, accepted & adopted.
Auditors Report verbal, accepted and adopted.

Article 3 Voted: that the Chairman be instructed to cast one vote for James Reid for Clerk and he was declared elected. Voted that a committee be appointed to nominate a list of

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Candidates for the several offices and Committees for the ensuing year, the Chair appointed A. Newell Howe, George F. Buck, Warren E. Eaton and Olive A. Prescott, and the Committee retired for consultation, and reported later, for Treasurer W^m F. Spinney, for Collector Harry E. Cook, moved by Olive A. Prescott and voted to add two ladies to the Committee, and the Chair appointed Emma M. Brown and Lydia P. Cox additional members, the Committee desired further time to complete the list which was voted: the final report to be made at an adjourned meeting to be held April 10, 1899.

Voted that the Chairman be instructed to cast one vote for W^m F. Spinney for Treasurer, and one vote for Harry E. Cook for Collector, and they were declared elected.

Article 5- Voted: that article 5 be laid on the table till the next meeting

Article 6- ^{Voted:} That not more than one thousand dollars be appropriated for the supply of the pulpit, three hundred seventy five dollars for the Choir, (not including the services of the Bow-boy,) two hundred and fifty dollars for interest, and that other necessary expenses be met by the Envelope Fund.

Article 7- Voted: that the appraisal of Pews be the same as last year, except that the sittings be five dollars instead of six.

Article 8- Voted: that the thanks of the Society be given the Melpomene Club, for their efficient and gratifying efforts for the financial benefit of the Society the past year.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Charles M. Horton, late a Trustee of the Society, in reply to a vote of thanks tendered him at the last Annual Meeting, Voted: the same be spread upon the record. Voted: that a Committee be appointed to take charge of the matter of the improvement of the Store Property belonging to the Society, Warren E. Eaton, William F. Spinney and Horace G. Wadlin were appointed such Committee.

Voted: that the thanks of the Society be given to Otis B. Ruggles for his faithful performance of the duties of Collector for the past seven years.

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The following very liberal and gratifying proposal is made by Mrs Maria P. Dinsmore one of the first members of the Society, and one always interested in its prosperity - She will give the Society the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, in the aggregate, providing the Society raise a like sum, for the purpose of reducing the debt of five thousand dollars owed by the Society. payments to be made to the Society at any time they shall be able to pay one hundred dollars or more for the purpose set forth, and said payments shall be continued until the aggregate sum of one thousand dollars shall have been paid for said reduction of the debt, five hundred by the donor and five hundred by the Society.

Voted: that the Society appreciates the interest felt in its affairs as shown by the above donation and accept with much pleasure its conditions

Voted: that the sum of thirty ^{dollars} the amount collected yesterday, be increased by appropriation to fifty dollars and said fifty dollars be appropriated to the making of Horace G. Wadlin a life member of the American Unitarian Association

Applications of Elmer P. Crooker and Nellie E. Crooker, for membership in this Society, were presented to the meeting by the Clerk, for consideration, and on motion Voted: that they be admitted to membership, by a two thirds vote.

Adjourned to April 10th 1899

April 10th 1899.

Articles 3 & 4 The nominating Committee make the following report.
For Trustees Horace G. Wadlin, Albert P. Dane, William D. Ruggles, Emma M. Brown & Olive A. Prescott
and on ballot they were declared duly elected.

For Envelope Fund - Olive A. Prescott
and she was declared duly elected

For Music Committee - A. Newell Howe, Mrs Laura M. Crook

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Mr G. A. Winchester

and on ballot they were declared elected

For Usher - Harry E. Cook, Wilfred A. Bancroft, Clarence Brown,
Arthur Entabrooks, Walter P. Eaton, Otis B. Ruggles, and
Elmer Robinson.

and on they were declared chosen

For Charity Committee - Mrs Lydia P. Cox, Miss Eliza M. Brown,
Mrs Anne Eames, and Mr Geo. F. Buck
and on vote they were declared chosen.

For Committee on Hospitality - Miss Minnie Eames, Miss M. A. Bancroft,
Mrs Fred Wallace, Mrs Albert J. Francis, Mr Willard P. Addens,
and Mr. Charles A. Loring.
and they were declared duly chosen.

Decorations - Miss Anna P. Reid, Ch other members to be selected
by the Chairman. Voted:

Supper Committee - Mrs L. J. Nesmith, Mrs Eliza Smith, Mrs E. K. Eames,
Mrs Horace Brown, Mrs Nellie Green, Mrs Annie Eames, Mrs Anna
Hatfield, Mrs Lucelia Walker, Mrs George Sherman, Mrs H. E. Cox,
Mrs Valeria Perry, Mrs Ida Dowd, Mrs Samuel Rounds,
The Misses Mattie Walker, Minnie L. Eames, Mary A. Bancroft,
Eva Litchfield, Lettie Litchfield, Mabel La Clair, and
Delia Converse.
and they were declared chosen.

Entertainment - Miss Bell J. Ruggles, Mr & Mrs H. L. Dane, Mr &
Mrs K. Lindsay Prentiss, Mr & Mrs. Richard F. Loring, Mr &
Mrs Whit. A. Loring, Archer Prentiss, Mrs Demeritt,
Mrs Dr Brande, Mrs Dr. Henderson, Mrs Herbert Barrows,
Miss Emma Addens, Miss Frances Ruggles, Miss Lizzie Cox
Miss Marion Prentiss, Mrs Ramsay, Miss Minnie Eames, Miss
M. A. Bancroft, Miss Annie P. Reid.

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For Auditor — A. Newell Howes

and he was declared chosen.

moved by George F. Buck, and voted: that a Nominating Committee be appointed, to serve for the next annual meeting and Warren E. Eaton, George F. Buck, Willard P. Adden, Harry E. Cook, Minnie K. Eames, and Annie P. Reid were duly appointed such Nominating Committee.

Moved by Warren E. Eaton, and voted: That the Trustees be empowered to borrow, at once, \$300. — Said sum to be expended only for Ministerial support as the exigencies of the Treasury may require.

The Committee on Charity report as follows. amt received	\$ 16.00
Amount distributed, for turkeys & Vegetables	10.57
bal. on hand	\$ 5.43

Report accepted

Mr Chas. T. Loring having generously offered to print the usual list of officers and Committees, it was voted: that Miss Olive A. Prescott be a committee of one, to prepare copy for same.

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Trustees Report.

The Trustees congratulate the Society that for the second of two successive years the receipts have exceeded the expenses, and that to day we have no floating debt or outstanding liabilities. the desirable result has been brought about through the generosity of individuals who have contributed to the subscription fund, and of the Liberal Ladies Benevolent Association, who contributed a considerable portion of the amount needed in payment of insurance premiums on the church. And by the efforts of the Entertainment Committee, the committee in charge of the Fair, and the Melpomene Club, to all of whom our thanks are due. The Melpomene Club, assumed the responsibility of raising \$250. required for payment of interest which task they successfully accomplished, and for which they deserve great credit. We wish also to thank Mr. A. N. Howes for his continued services in connection with the choral services, and Messrs Harry E. Cook and Clarence Brown for gratuitous assistance rendered during the illness of the janitor.

With the exception of the loss of our minister by resignation the year has passed uneventfully. Mr Gould left us with our regrets, to fill a wider sphere of service. It will be necessary for you to take some action towards supplying the pulpit. In respect to this the Trustees suggest that the probable income of the Society will for the coming year be less, possibly \$250. less than for the year just closed. the net income from pews will not greatly exceed, even if it reaches \$1000. it would be desirable from a business point of view if the salary of the minister could be limited to the receipts from the pews, leaving the receipts from other sources to be applied to the various incidental expenses of Maintenance. The Trustees have a number of applications from Ministers who desire to be heard with a view to settlement, but until action is taken as to salary are unable to select such persons as would be eligible.

Respectfully submitted,

for the Trustees.

H. G. Wadlin. Chairman.

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W. F. Sumney, Treasurer in $\&$ with Christian Union Society Dr
April 1898, To Cash on hand \$ 1.96

"	1899,	"	Rew Rentals and Premiums	970.17
		"	Subscriptions	499.00
		"	Envelopes & Boxes	201.66
		"	Fair	188.71
		"	Mens' Supper	30.00
		"	Picture Sale	23.00
		"	Entertainments	28.35-
		"	Sale of Carpet	1.25-
		"	A. U. A. Collection	32.39
		"	Sewing Circle	50.00
		"	Store Rent	225.00
		"	Melpomene Club	<u>250.00</u>

Cr	By Pulpit-Supply	\$ 1343.36	2501.49
	" Choir	387.50	
	" Janitor	108.16	
	" Lights	45.28	
	" Fuel	65.00	
	" Repairs &c	63.12	
	" A. U. Association	32.39	
	" Interest	250.50	
	" Insurance	127.65	
	" Taxes	35.23	
	" Collector	38.80	
	" Balance on hand	5.00	
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		\$ 2501.49	\$ 2501.49

O. B. Ruggles	Collector, in af with the C. U. Society	Dr
To	Pew rents Collected	\$ 970.17
"	" " uncollected	<u>96.50</u>
		\$ 1066.67

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Annual Meeting April 3^d 1899.

Portsmouth N.H. May 10th 1898.

Mr James Reid, clerk of the
Christian Union of Reading Mass.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 14th is just received, having been mislaid in my desk at Reading. it conveys to me the thanks of the Christian Union Society. To say that I fully appreciate such an action and that I shall ever cherish their kind wishes, but poorly expresses my deep feelings of gratitude. Particularly is this true when I remember my own unworthiness in the matter. I saw so many things that should have been done, and were not, that I feel if the Society knew what I left undone, as well as they knew what I did, they would have been justified in censuring rather than thanking me. However, if in an attempt to do my duty, I succeeded in doing a part of it satisfactorily I am doubly repaid in the satisfaction it gave me, and in the appreciation of the Society. I regret that business compels me to leave Reading, as I have thoroughly enjoyed my connection with the Society, and shall ever consider that I leave many kind friends, and a most pleasant period of my life.

With best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Society, and thanking them through you for their kindness, I am yours, in the Brotherhood of the Master.

Charles M. Horton.

Notice!

A special meeting of the members of the Christian Union Society will be held in Unity Hall, Reading, on Thursday evening June 8th 1899, at 8 o'clock, to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1 - To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 - To see if the society will take action to fill the vacancy in the Pulpit, or what they will do in relation thereto

Article 3 - To transact any other business which shall legally come before the meeting

Per order Board of Trustees.

James Reid, Clerk.

Reading May 31, 1899.

A meeting was held in accordance with the foregoing notice, at the time and place designated, and was called to order by the Clerk, who read the call, and under Article 1.

George F. Buck was chosen and declared Chairman.

Article 2.

Bruce B. Wadlin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees informed the meeting of the probable income of the Society the present year, and in regard to steps taken to secure the same; the statements made indicating a considerable shrinkage in the amount, as compared with the year 1898. He also spoke of the supply of the Pulpit, and the necessity of deciding the matter without further delay, as to the permanent employment of the Reverend Henry D. Stevens who has occupied the Pulpit recently.

Warren E. Eaton after some consideration of the matter, moved that the Trustees be instructed to employ Mr Stevens at a salary of one thousand dollars per year. voted: unanimously

Article 3.

on motion voted: that this meeting be adjourned to the call of the Trustees.

James Reid, Clerk.

Notice!

A special Meeting of the members of the Christian Union Society will be held in Unity Hall Reading, on Tuesday evening November 21st 1899, at half past 7 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1 - To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 - To see if the Society will vote to sell a part of its land with the buildings thereon, in accordance with a proposition to be submitted at the meeting, and if so, what instructions it will give the Trustees respecting said proposition.

Per Order of the Trustees,

James Reid, Clerk.

Pursuant to the above notice, a meeting of the members of the Christian Union Society was held at Unity Hall Reading, and was called to order by the Clerk, who ^{read the call.} under article 1. Albert J. Francis was chosen Chairman where on motion it was voted: that the meeting adjourn to the Audience Room of the Church.

Article 2. H. G. Wadlin Chairman of the Board of Trustees, made the statement that Mr Luther G. Howard would pay the Society the sum of \$ 3,000. for the land and buildings thereon, as agreed and understood by and between Mr Howard and Mr Wadlin - a sketch or plan was shown by Mr Wadlin, showing the portion of the land under consideration, and information was given in answer to any questions asked.

On motion of Horace G. Wadlin seconded by William I Ruggles, Voted:

That the Society instruct its Trustees to accept the offer of L. G. Howard, presented at this meeting, for the purchase of a portion of its land

Special Meeting Nov. 21st 1899,
with the buildings thereon, for the sum of
\$ 3,000.; and the Chairman of said trustees,
Horace G. Wadlin, is hereby authorized to execute
on behalf of the Society a deed of said property
to said Howard, and to do all things necessary to
conclude the sale thereof; said land being that
lying east and south of a line drawn from the
angle in the old fence back of the southeast corner
of the kitchen extension of Unity Hall, thence run-
ning in a general southerly direction to intersect a
line to be drawn easterly from the sidewalk on
Main Street on the south side of the driveway
between the Church and the store occupied by
Mr. Wallace, and coinciding with the north side of
said store.

The Trustees are further instructed to apply
the said \$3,000. to the payment of three-fifths of
the principal sum of the debt due from the Society
to The Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, and they are here-
by empowered to do all things necessary to extinguish
and cancel the three-fifths of said indebtedness,
executing, if required, a new note in the name of
the Society for the remaining two-fifths secured by
Mortgage on so much of the property of the Society
as shall remain after the sale to Howard as afore-
said.

on motion voted that this meeting be adjourned
without date.

James Reid, Clerk.

Notice -

A Special Meeting of the Christian Union Society will be held at Unity Hall Reading on Friday evening December 8th 1899, at 7.30 o'clock, to act on the following articles; viz:

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.

To hear and act upon a Communication from the Trustees, relative to the sale of a part of the property of the Society which was authorized at the meeting holden November 21st 1899, and to see if the Society will take any further action respecting said sale, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Per Order of the Trustees.

James Reid, Clerk

Reading Dec. 1st 1899.

Pursuant to the above Notice, a Meeting was held at the time and place designated, and was called to order by the Clerk, who read the notice, and under

Article 1.

Albert J. Francis was unanimously chosen chairman, and was so declared.

Article 2.

A communication in writing from the Trustees was read by their Chairman Horace G. Wadlin, which follows:

Reading December 8th
1899.

To the members of the Christian Union:

The trustees desire to report that the land, the sale of which to L. G. Howard was authorized by the Society at its meeting Nov. 21st has been surveyed and the lines definitely fixed. After conference with Mr. Howard it appears that he wishes the conveyance

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made to his Son Herbert B. Howard, instead of to him personally, and that he desires a restricted right of way over the premises of the Society, on the North side of the estate conveyed; as this was not fully considered at the previous meeting, it seemed desirable, in order that whatever action the Society finally takes may fully appear upon our records, to present the subject for further discussion.

It is recommended that the Society now authorize the Trustees to make a legal conveyance by deed, of the land to Herbert B. Howard of Boston together with the buildings thereon, said land being described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner thereof on land formerly of Sylvester Harnden and now of said Herbert B. Howard the line runs Northerly $24\frac{34}{100}$ feet on Main Street; thence Easterly $163\frac{12}{100}$ feet, thence Northerly $47\frac{15}{100}$ feet on land of the Christian Union to land of Luther G. Howard, thence Easterly $62\frac{35}{100}$ feet, thence Southerly $62\frac{50}{100}$ feet on land of said Luther G. Howard; thence Westerly $230\frac{20}{100}$ feet on land of said Luther G. Howard and said Herbert B. Howard to the point of beginning; said premises being shown on a plan thereof drawn by James A. Bancroft, Surveyor, dated Nov. 29, 1899 and the Consideration to be paid therefor by said Herbert B. Howard being the sum of \$3,000.

It is recommended also, that a restricted right of way be granted also to said Herbert B. Howard described as follows:

"And granting also a right of way to a distance of 109 feet Easterly from the line on Main Street, over the premises of the said grantors on the North side of the estate hereby conveyed, restricted nevertheless to the privilege of access to the side entrance of a Store abutting on the premises of the grantors and fronting on Main Street, over the and to the use

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of said side entrance solely for the reception and delivery of Merchandise, exclusive of intoxicating liquors, with leave to pass to and fro with the teams employed therefor, West of said limit of 109 feet; said right of way to be exercised in manner consistent with the undisturbed use for Church purposes of the premises of the grantors, and to terminate whenever the granted premises shall cease to be occupied by a Store located as aforesaid "

Respectfully Submitted:

For the Trustees,

H. G. Wadlin

Chairman.

Voted: that all action had at the meeting of the Society held November 21st 1899, relative to the sale and transfer of part of the land of the Society, with the buildings thereon, and also the application of the proceeds of said sale, be and are hereby rescinded.

Voted: That the recommendations submitted in writing by the Trustee at this meeting as to the sale of a part of the land of the Society, with the buildings thereon to Herbert B. Howard for the sum of \$3,000, including the provisions as to a right of way to said Howard, ^{be adopted} and ~~that~~ the Trustees are hereby directed to make a legal transfer of the property as aforesaid.

Voted: That the Trustees are hereby instructed to apply the \$3,000. received from Mr Howard for the property authorized to be sold at this meeting to the payment of three fifths of the principal sum of the debt due from the Society to the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, and they are hereby directed to do all things necessary to extinguish and Cancel the $\frac{3}{5}$ of said indebtedness, executing if required, a new note in the name of the

Special Meeting December 8th 1899.

Society for the remaining two-fifths secured by mortgage on so much of the property of the Society as shall remain after the sale to Howard as aforesaid.

In Motion Voted: that this meeting be adjourned without date.

James Reid, Clerk.

Annual Meeting April 2nd 1900

Notice

The members of the Christian Union Society are hereby notified that the annual meeting will be held in Unity Hall, Reading, on Monday evening April 2nd 1900 at 8 o'clock, to act on the following articles.

Article 1.

To transact business to promote the cause of Christianity.

Article 2.

To hear and act on the reports of the Treasurer, Collector, and Trustees; also to hear and act on all reports of Committees.

Article 3.

To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Collector, and all other necessary officers, for the ensuing year.

Article 4.

To choose Committees on Singing, Visiting, Charity, Hospitality and all other necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Article 5.

To see what action shall be taken for the support of the Pulpit for the ensuing year.

Article 6.

To see how much money the society will appropriate for support of the Pulpit, Choir, and all other necessary expenses.

Article 7.

To see what action the society will take in relation to the appraisal and renting of Pews for the ensuing year.

Article 8.

To transact any other business which shall legally come before the meeting.

Per Order of the Trustees
Reading Mass March 24, 1900. James Reid, Clerk.

Annual Meeting April 2nd 1900

Meeting was held under the forenoon - rain
at the time and place herein specified and was
called to order by clerk a hour & a half of meeting

Fanny Hatfield was Fanny Hancock and
Hedrick Hancock were made members of society by
signing the articles of Association by laws

Act. Rev. F. Buchanan Chairman

The meeting at the meeting was adjourned
to the Auditors Room of the Church

1st. Report of Treasurer received by him and after
was read the report was adopted as follows

Treasurer's report for the year ending April 1st 1900

Receipts		Expenditures	
Balance April 1st 1899	2.37	Balance	984.11
Donations	100.00	Ch. 1st	200.00
Contribution	100.00	Ch. 2nd	50.00
Subscription	100.00	Ch. 3rd	10.00
Contribution	100.00	Ch. 4th	10.00
Contribution	100.00	Ch. 5th	10.00
Contribution	100.00	Ch. 6th	10.00
Contribution	100.00	Ch. 7th	10.00
Contribution	100.00	Ch. 8th	10.00
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Contribution	100.00	Ch. 100th	10.00

Annual Meeting April 2nd 1900

Treasurers itemized report of entertainment.

Whist	8.50	Fair Entertainment	250.51
Public	11.53	Whist Pro Bono	11.50
Trougee Club	5.00	Melpomene	50.00
Gleaners	8.00	"	25.00
Picture Pictures	23.57	"	50.00

Report of Collector, laid on table, was later accepted as follows,

Report of Collector Year ending April

Accounts of 1898-1899	86.00		
at all bookkeeping 1897 1900	819.00		
minus	" "	38.00	
Account 1900-1901	<u>250</u>	945.50	
Paid account 1898-1899		28.50	
" " 1899-1900		813.75	
" " 1900 1901		<u>250</u>	844.75
Unpaid Accounts 1898-1899		57.50	
" " 1899-1900		<u>43.25</u>	100.75
		<u>\$945.50</u>	<u>\$945.50</u>
Collected Accounts 1898-1901	844.75		
Paid Wm F. Shinnick Treas.		810.91	
Collector 4% Commission		<u>32.77</u>	
		<u>\$844.75</u>	<u>\$844.75</u>

Report of Trustees was made by Ben A. Kilduff verbally and was accepted

Report of Executive Committee was read and accepted as follows

April 3 1899 Cash in hands of Com.	5.43		
Nov 16 1899 " received from Contribution	<u>22.65</u>	28.08	
Distributed Turkey & Vegetables	8.72		
" Cash	<u>6.43</u>	15.15	
Balance in hands of Committee Apr 2 nd 1900		<u>\$12.73</u>	

At a meeting of the Board of Directors

held at the City of New York on the 1st day of January 1881

Present

Mr. J. B. Thompson, President

Mr. J. B. Thompson, Secretary

Mr. J. B. Thompson, Treasurer

Mr. J. B. Thompson, Chairman of the Board

Mr. J. B. Thompson, Vice President

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Resolved that the Board of Directors of the City of New York

do hereby authorize the Board of Directors of the City of New York

to do all such things as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the City of New York

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Church Meeting (Nov 2nd, 1900)

That the church is authorized to sell or lease
its property and that they shall charge
such amount as may be necessary.

Articles read and taken from table and voted,
Voted to direct the trustees to engage the
services of the Rev. J. H. Stenens for the ensuing year.

That the church taken from table and voted that the
salary of our pastor be increased One Hundred
Dollars making Eleven Hundred Dollars.

That the church shall appropriate Three Hundred and Fifty
Dollars be appropriated for the expense of the
mission for the ensuing year.

That all other expenses be paid out of
the treasury as appropriated.

That the church shall be authorized to
sell or lease its property.

Wm. Fred. Hancock
Mod.

Minutes for the year ending 1900 by membership
the church is authorized and voted that the
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as may be necessary.

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Police

Constitution of the Police

The annual meeting of the Police will be held in the City Hall, on Monday evening, the 1st of October, to consider the following resolutions:

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at the meeting.

Article 2.

To choose a Treasurer, a Collector, and a Secretary, also a Board of Directors, and a Committee of Finance.

Article 3.

To choose a Clerk, a Board of Directors, a Treasurer, a Collector, and a Secretary, also a Board of Directors, and a Committee of Finance, for the ensuing year.

Article 4.

To choose a Committee of Finance, to receive and disburse the funds of the Society, and to report on the same at the next meeting.

Article 5.

To choose a Committee of Finance, to receive and disburse the funds of the Society, and to report on the same at the next meeting.

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Article 9.

To choose a Committee of Finance, to receive and disburse the funds of the Society, and to report on the same at the next meeting.

Annual Meeting of the 17th

Feb. 2. A house and land at the corner of Lomb and
Chestnut Sts. The assessed valuation of this
property is \$3500. It is sold of all improvements
and is conveyed to the Society without
reservation. The Trustees have leased the
premises to Mr. Wm. Goodwin, a member of the
Society of the Friends and Friends of the
Latter was in the company. The lease was
for a term of years, and the light
rate and to pay what was required to
be required to keep the cesspool clean, and to
have the privilege of removal of the lease for
an additional year, about the same utility
and at the same rate.

The title of the current year has been
paid in payment of which I am,

During the year the Society has been
strongly interested in the religious
cause, and the light and the darkness,
and were sincerely interested in the religious
cause, and the darkness will be
removed with them no longer with me as
in the past have been that they could to
make the Christian, a permanent and
essential among the religious institu-
tions of the town.

Respectfully submitted

Wm. H. H. H. H.

St. S. H. H. H.

Reading, Feb. 17, 1851

Chairman

April 1st 1901

Resolved that all members cast one ballot for the President for clerk for the ensuing year and he was declared elected

The election of Trustees was held at the adjourned meeting

Resolved that all members cast one ballot for the Treasurer and he was declared elected

Resolved that all members cast one ballot for the Collector and he was declared elected

Resolved that the committee elected the following names for officers and committees

- President
- Treasurer
- Collector
- Trustees
- Committees

Constitution of the ...
Article 1 ...

Article 2 ...
The President ...
The Vice President ...
The Executive Power ...

Article 3 ...
The Judicial Power ...
The Supreme Court ...
The Inferior Courts ...

Article 4 ...
The States ...
The Federal Government ...

Article 5 ...
The Amendment ...
The Convention ...
The Legislature ...

Article 6 ...
The Oath ...
The Privileges and Immunities ...
The Treason ...

Article 7 ...
The Ratification ...
The Constitution ...

Article 8 ...
The Congress ...
The Senate ...
The House of Representatives ...

Article 1. The Christian Church
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Article 15. The Christian Church

entirely successful. The entire amount pledged has been paid, except a small balance which will be paid, and the payment to have been made with reasonable promptness. The majority recommended the continuance of this form of conducting business.

The amount received from various sources other than subscription during the year, not including a amount from the society's house was \$76.12 of which \$40.00 was paid for the expenses of the annual meeting and \$36.12 being \$1.12 to be applied towards general expenses. This was a smaller sum than it has been usual to raise in this way. There are outstanding bills unpaid amounting to approximately \$80. against which there is the uncollected portion of pledges and the cash in the treasurer's hands of about the same amount. At the end of the year we stand clear of floating debt, with the mortgage indebtedness offset by \$100.00 deposited on interest the gainst it during the year. There is now in the Savings Bank \$500. applicable to the reduction of the mortgage, and the trustees have been informed that the sum of \$300.00 will be paid off on the 1st of January next in accordance with the original intention to complete the \$500. original loan by the 1st of January next, which has been accomplished before the death.

It is recommended that an amount of \$100.00 be now paid to the bank for this purpose with any additional amount that may be received for reduction of debt. We have no account of the mortgage loan reducing our current interest charge.

With the financial statement of

(Continued) Meeting (April 1841)

The meeting was held in the evening and was well attended.

It was voted that the next meeting should be held on the 1st of May at 7 o'clock and that the same should be held in the evening.

It was also voted that the next meeting should be held on the 1st of May at 7 o'clock and that the same should be held in the evening.

On motion of Mr. B. it was voted that Mr. B. should be elected for the next year and he was declared elected.

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Art. 4. On motion of Mr. B. it was voted that the next meeting should be held on the 1st of May at 7 o'clock and that the same should be held in the evening.

On motion of Mr. B. it was voted that the persons selected by the committee should serve in the charity.

Annual Meeting April 7 1912.

Article committed. They were discussed by a committee
and a resolution was passed in regard to it.

Resolution of Mr. Hadden was voted
that Miss Mary C. Bennett, be elected
to the nominating committee, should
be as chairman of the decorating committee.

Resolution of Mr. Hadden was voted that
Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Wiggins, K. James
Miss Mary C. Bennett, Fred Hadden, Mrs.
John H. Francis, J. William Hadden and Mr.
Hadden be associated by the nominating
committee should receive no facilities committee.

Voted that Mrs. Eliza Smith should have
charge of the supper etc to supply the
committee.

Articles laid on the table

Article 6. Motion. J. A. Haines voted that we
appropriate \$20.00 dollars for chairs and
other things expenses.

Resolution of Mr. Hadden was voted that the
committee be empowered to receive and pay
all necessary expenses.

Resolution of Mr. Hadden was voted that balance
of article be laid on the table.

Article 7. Voted that the same plan be adopted
for next year that we arranged last year and
that the teachers carry out that system.

On the first of July 1861

Article 1.

Resolved that the Convention of the
County of Jefferson and the County of
Christianity shall be held in
the Court House at Paducah on Tuesday
the 1st of July 1861 at 10 o'clock
a.m.

Article 2.

The Convention shall be held at the Court
House at Paducah.

Article 3.

Resolved that the Convention shall be held
at the Court House at Paducah on Tuesday
the 1st of July 1861 at 10 o'clock
a.m.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of
July 1861.

Adjourned Annual Meeting of
the Society held Oct 11th 1872

Voted that Henry Burdette be
moderator. Marshall being clerk.

ated that reading of records of last
meeting be dispensed with.

art 2

ated that Geo. A. Beesey and Sarah
Beesey of North Reading be admitted
to membership of the society.

art 3.

A financial statement of the condition
of the society was briefly called to
the attention of the meeting by Mr. H. H. H.

art 4.

Voted that Wm. D. Ruggles be appointed
committee to solicit funds to cover
existing deficit \$250.00

Chas. L. Johnson.
Thos. K. Parker.

Concord Meeting of The Christian Church
Sept 10th 1903.

The Sunday School of the Christian Church
located in the building situated at the corner
of the street with the building next to the old
meeting house and is open from 9 o'clock
to 12 o'clock. The children are taken care of
by the teachers.

Article 1.

The church will have a society for the coming year.

Article 2.

The church will have a report of the Treasurer,
of the Trustees, also the financial and
other reports of the Committee.

Article 3.

The church will have a Board of Trustees
consisting of the following and all others
who may be added for the coming year.

Article 4.

The church will have a singing society
for the coming year, and all other
singing for the coming year.

Article 5.

The church will have a Sabbath school to be
for the support of the church for the
coming year.

Article 6.

The church will have a collection to be taken for
the support of the pulpit for the coming year.

Article 7.

There shall be a much more complete work
for the support of the church for the coming year.

Article 8.

The church will have a committee to be
for the support of the church for the coming year.

Article 9.

The church will have a committee to be
for the support of the church for the coming year.

Concord Meeting - April 1840.

Chas. J. Smith

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Chlorophyll and Carotene
The chlorophyll and carotene
are the two main pigments
responsible for the green color
of plants. Chlorophyll is
the primary photosynthetic
pigment, while carotene
acts as an accessory pigment.
Both are found in the
chloroplasts of green plants.

Chlorophyll is a green pigment
that absorbs light energy in the
blue-violet and red-orange
regions of the spectrum. It
transfers this energy to the
reaction center, where it is
used to drive the synthesis of
carbohydrates. Carotene is a
yellow-orange pigment that
absorbs light in the blue-
violet region and transfers
energy to chlorophyll. It also
acts as a photoprotectant,
preventing damage to the
chloroplast membranes by
dissipating excess light energy.
Both pigments are essential
for photosynthesis, the process
by which plants convert light
energy into chemical energy.
The ratio of chlorophyll to
carotene varies among different
plant species and different
parts of the plant. For example,
leaves typically contain more
chlorophyll than roots, and
young leaves contain more
carotene than old leaves.

1891. The same year a delegation of
men from the same place, under the leadership of
one of the men of the same place, had been
sent to the coast to collect the same
in 1891, I received a letter from the

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It was stated that the
trustees had been told that the
trustees had not a day for the
money to be raised as possible as
the support of the society by the members.

But the money was not to be
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Wednesday

Visited the school and the society
in attendance to the morning session.
Saw some of the children and the
schoolmaster.

Thursday

At school, reading, writing, and arithmetic
with the scholars.

Friday

At home, saw some of the
children, and the schoolmaster, and
the schoolmaster's wife. The children
were very happy to see me.
I also saw some of the children
and the schoolmaster's wife. The
children were very happy to see me.
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and the schoolmaster's wife. The
children were very happy to see me.

At school, reading, writing, and arithmetic
with the scholars.

Saturday

At school, reading, writing, and arithmetic
with the scholars. The children
were very happy to see me.
I also saw some of the children
and the schoolmaster's wife. The
children were very happy to see me.

Sunday

At school, reading, writing, and arithmetic
with the scholars.

Official Report

To the Hon. the President of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Montreal
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of the site for the new building of the Bank of Montreal, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the Committee on the subject, and that they have reported thereon to the Board of Directors on the 14th inst.

Article 1.

Resolved, That the Committee be authorized to purchase the site for the new building of the Bank of Montreal, and to execute the necessary contracts for the same.

Article 2.

To see if the Committee can purchase the site for the new building of the Bank of Montreal, and to execute the necessary contracts for the same, and to report thereon to the Board of Directors on the 14th inst.

Article 3.

To see if the Board of Directors will authorize and approve the purchase of the site for the new building of the Bank of Montreal, and to execute the necessary contracts for the same, and to report thereon to the Board of Directors on the 14th inst.

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Article 5.

To see if the Board of Directors will authorize and approve the purchase of the site for the new building of the Bank of Montreal, and to execute the necessary contracts for the same, and to report thereon to the Board of Directors on the 14th inst.

Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. B.

Received and filed for the use of the Bank of Montreal
11th Dec 1855

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Noted by the Hon. Secy. of the Navy.

Expenses of the trip to the ...

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Concord

Received
 Hilfred A Barcott
 Clerk

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1897.

April 13

Edward M. Sawyer.

Elizabeth L. Sawyer.

Lettie Litchfield

Eva A. Litchfield.

Hattie R. Litchfield

George W. J. Ide

Samuel D. Rounds

Wilfred W. Bancroft

Hester Prichard

Bertha L. Brown.

Susan A. Berry

Samuel D. Rounds.

Helen A. Brown.

Edmund Brown.

Charles E. Clapp

R. Dexter Clapp

Lillian Gray Jones.

Mary E. Jones

Samuel D. Rounds.

Lillian E. Jones.

John C. Halden

Elizabeth C. Halden.

John C. Halden.

John C. Halden.

Ludley F. Hunt

George W. J. Ide

Cardinal Jones

Mary L. Jones

Grace L. Jones

Conelia Hunt

Fannie J. Ide.

April 7 1901

Mrs. Nellie Wallcut

Mrs. W. E. Gray

William E. Gray

St. Arthur Sparhawk

George D. Berry

Sarah F. Berry

Mabel E. Miles

Edna D. Jones

Julia P. Ide

